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Andropov involved in pope plot — Kissinger

NEW YORK, Dec. 31 (R) — Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger has said there was "fairly conclusive" evidence that Soviet leader Yuri Andropov was involved in last year's attempt to assassinate Pope John Paul.

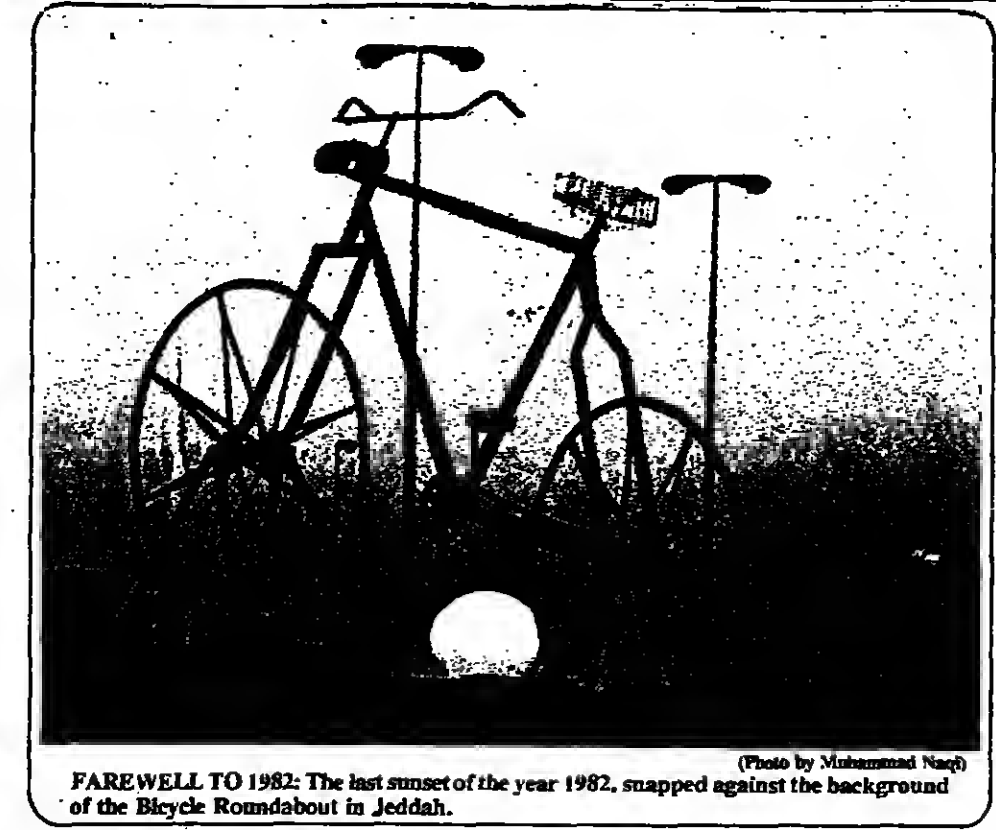
"If you try to square the known facts, it really leads almost to no other conclusion," Dr. Kissinger said in an interview on the Cable News network.

He described Andropov, who was head of the KGB state security police when the attempt was made, as "cold, calculating, precise," and said: "The Soviets will ruthlessly pursue their own interests."

A Turk, Vehmet Ali Agca, has been convicted and imprisoned by Italian authorities for his role as the gunman in the May 18, 1981, shooting in St. Peter's Square. There have been increasing allegations that Agca was part of a conspiracy and a Bulgarian airline employee was arrested in November as Italy's investigation of the case continues.

"I think the evidence is fairly conclusive that probably the Bulgarians and, therefore, the Soviets and, therefore, Andropov had a hand in it," Dr. Kissinger said.

At the time of the attempt, the Russians were contemplating armed intervention in Poland Dr. Kissinger said.



FAREWELL TO 1982: The last sunset of the year 1982, snapped against the background of the Bicycle Roundabout in Jeddah.

With Reagan

Andropov favors summit

MOSCOW, Dec. 31 (AP) — Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov favors a summit with U.S. President Ronald Reagan as long as "good preparatory work" precedes a face-to-face meeting. Tass has reported.

Deputy White House press spokesman Larry Speakes said President Ronald Reagan's conditions remained unchanged. "With adequate preparation and reasonable chance of success, we would certainly proceed to a summit," Speakes said in Palm Springs, California, where Reagan vacationing.

At pullout talks

Lebanese, Israelis split over U.S. role

BEIRUT, Dec. 31 (AP) — Lebanese officials said Friday a new dispute had emerged between Lebanon and Israel over the U.S. role in the current talks on the withdrawal of all foreign armies from Lebanon.

"Israel contends the talks are direct negotiations between Lebanon and Israel, with the United States participating as a witness or observer," one official said. "Lebanon insists that the United States is a full fledged participant and partner in the tripartite talks."

The official, who declined to be named in keeping with Lebanese government rules, said the dispute came into the open in different communiques issued by the Israeli and Lebanese delegations after the second round of talks in the Israeli border town of Kiryat Shmona Thursday.

The Israeli communique referred to "talks between Israel and Lebanon with the participation of the United States," while the Lebanese communique said "the three delegations resumed talks..." according to the official and published texts.

"The discrepancy in the texts showed that Israel does not consider the United States an equal partner in the talks. Lebanon insists on American participation on equal footing," the official said.

Lebanese and Israeli officials said after Thursday's meeting in Kiryat Shmona that no compromise could be worked out over the other stumbling block in the talks — Israel's demand and Lebanon's refusal that establishment of normal relations between the two countries be discussed before the withdrawal and security arrangements issues.

The six-man Lebanese delegation to the talks reported on the deadlock to President Amin Gemayel and Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan Thursday night.

Gemayel decided to hold conferences with the American side to try to break the deadlock, the Beirut independent newspaper *Al-Nahar* reported. The paper is published by Ghassan Tuelini, Gemayel's chief adviser on withdrawal talks.

The next round of talks is scheduled for Monday in Khalde, a southern Beirut suburb where the negotiations started last Tuesday.

The Israeli government Friday instructed its delegation to stand firm on Israel's demand for normalized relations.

The Israeli negotiating team met with Defense Minister Ariel Sharon and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir to report on the second round of talks and to prepare for the next session.

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Australia expels 2 Iranian envoys

CANBERRA, Dec. 31 (R) — The Australian government has ordered two Iranian diplomats to leave the country in retaliation for the expulsion from Tehran of its own embassy staff.

Foreign Affairs Minister Tony Street said Friday.

The Iranian government gave no reason for its action when it ordered the two officials to leave in a note delivered to the Tehran Embassy Dec. 29. Street said in a statement.

The Iranian diplomats must leave Australia within three days from Friday and their departure will reduce the mission here to one person, Ahmad Jeddi the charge d'affaires.

Earlier this year, Jeddi was called in by the foreign ministry and told to moderate its public statements.

Army called to quell riots in India

NEW DELHI, Dec. 31 (R) — The army was called into the south Indian town of Trivandrum late Thursday night after a day of mob violence in which houses, shops and cars were set on fire, the Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency said.

Extra police were being drafted into the city, capital of the southern tropical coastal state of Kerala, after gangs of youths rampaged through the streets, the agency said.

Police opened fire to curb the violence, but there were no reliable details of casualties. Local residents said at least one person had been burned to death.

The violence came a few days before local assembly elections in the nearby south Indian states of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.

It erupted during a protest in the city against the death of one person when police fired during a clash with Muslim marchers in

Miami limping back to normal

MIAMI, Dec. 31 (R) — After 24 hours without serious violence, Miami officials said cautiously Friday that the emergency in the city's predominantly black Overtown district appeared to be over.

City manager Howard Gary said he was ordering police task forces — heavily armed special reaction teams — out of the district, where violence erupted Tuesday after a policeman shot and killed 21-year-old Nevell Johnson, a black county government courier.

During 36 hours of sporadic street violence there was a second death — a black teenager shot by police while he was alleged to have been trying to loot a shop — and 26 people were injured.

Police said they made 43 arrests. Property damage, mainly to cars set on fire by rampaging street gangs, was estimated at \$50,000.

Sorsa back as premier

HELSINKI, Dec. 31 (AFP) — Finland's new three-party center-left coalition government led by Social Democrat Prime Minister Kalevi Sorsa, 52, was sworn in Friday.

The coalition is drawn from three of the four parties that made up the previous government, also led by Sorsa, which broke down Thursday after a row with the Communists over the defense budget — one of the smallest in Europe — after Monaco and Liechtenstein. Since new general elections are scheduled for March, Sorsa's incoming government was expected to avoid controversial legislation. But it holds majority of 103 to 93 in parliament.

In the reshuffle, the three Communist ministers were replaced by three Social Democrats, and the non-partisan foreign trade minister, Esko Rekola, was replaced by Arne Berner, leader of the Liberal Party.

The Liberal and Center parties formed an alliance earlier this year. The new cabinet will consist of eight Social Democrats, seven Liberals, and two members of the Swedish Party, which represents the Swedish-speaking minority in Finland.

The composition of the government reflects the balance in parliament, where the non-Socialist parties are in majority.

Political observers said the Communists wanted to get out to try to fan internal problems and to beef up their sagging popularity at the public opinion polls before the March elections.

The Communist Party has been split into two camps — a moderate majority and a militant minority — since the late 1960s.

The Communists apparently hope to gain the support, peace movement.

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Yanbu refinery production goals set

RIYADH, Dec. 31 (SPA) — The Yanbu refinery will start producing 170,000 barrels a day as of the first half of the current year for local consumption according to Ali Ibrahim Al-Rubeish, Petromin's deputy governor for control and coordination. He added that the export refineries in Jubail, Yanbu and Rabigh will be completed in 1985.

The official said that the Jubail export refinery will produce 250,000 barrels of crude oil a day, the Yanbu refinery another 250,000 and the Rabigh one 325,000 barrels.

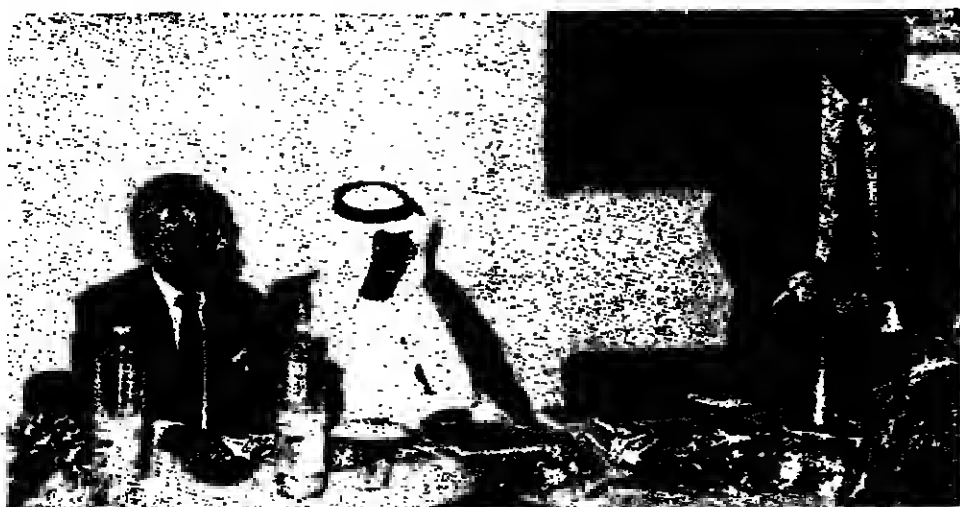
Among the projects under implementation in the Jubail Lube Oil Refinery due to be streamlined in 1985 with a capacity of 4,300,000 barrels a year. There is also the Yanbu lube oil refinery scheduled to go into operation during the same year to produce 1,800,000 barrels per annum and the oil mixing and production plant in Jubail which will become operational in 1984.

Jubail iron, steel complex completed

RIYADH, Dec. 31 (SPA) — The Iron and Steel Complex at Jubail has been completed, according to Dr. Ghazi Algosabi, the minister of industry and electricity and board chairman of the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC). The complex is the nucleus of basic industries in the area.

Dr. Algosabi said that the experimental stage of the complex's three iron and steel plants began last week. The complex, which will be inaugurated later this year, is geared to produce 880,000 tons of bars and other steel products a year.

The minister said he was grateful to King Fahd, Crown Prince Abdullah and their government for their support and encouragement to national industries.



PRIZE DISTRIBUTION: Islamic Development Bank President Dr. Ahmed Muhammad Ali, center, distributed prizes to the children of Bangladesh Embassy School in Jeddah on Thursday. Ambassador Muhammad Mohsin, extreme left, presided over the function, while the school committee President Mohiuddin Ahmed proposes a vote of thanks.

Bangladesh schools praised Arabic teaching emphasized

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 31 — Islamic Development Bank President Dr. Ahmed Muhammad Ali stressed the importance of teaching Arabic language in schools and expressed happiness over the emphasis given to this language in regular curriculum in Bangladesh and its embassy school here.

Dr. Muhammad Ali spoke as the chief guest at the annual prize distribution ceremony of the Bangladesh Embassy school here Thursday. Ambassador Muhammad Mohsin presided over the function.

Dr. Muhammad Ali said education plays a vital role in the life of man. He said the presence of these children in this holy land media, such as radio and television provides them with an opportunity to command the language very easily. He hoped the school will play an important role in the development of the children.

Tihama electricity plan begins soon

JEDDAH, Dec. 31 — Implementation of the SR230 million Tihama Central Electricity Project will begin in a few months. *Al-Madina* reported Friday. The project, sponsored by the United Electricity Company will produce 800,000 kilowatts of electricity to cover the towns and villages along Tihama's coast. Electricity will also be supplied to the villages of Asir, Ardeyyah South and Ardeyyah North.

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Ambassador Muhammad Mohsin welcomed the guest and expressed happiness over the presence of distinguished personality Dr. Muhammad Ali, a great educator.

The school, started in 1979, today has 10 classes including one nursery and eight teachers for about 100 students. It places emphases on English, Arabic and Bengali languages for the development of children.

Kingdom's trade, industrial chambers offer more than 50 training courses on 20 disciplines

DAMMAM, Dec. 31 — More than 50 training courses on some 20 disciplines are provided by the governing board of the chambers of commerce and industry of the various areas in Saudi Arabia. The programs cover Dammam, Riyadh, Jeddah, Abha, Qassim and Taif. A similar, less ambitious program brought outstanding results in 1982, which encouraged the board to organize the new wide-scale program, according to the board's most recent report.

The courses are aimed at enhancing the administrative skills of private sector employees, as a national duty. They include theoretical and practical training as well as contests. Advanced audio-visual equipment is used. The programs are also made to measure to the country's actual requirements. The lectures are mostly given in Arabic, except

Pakistan 'supports' Arab summit resolutions

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 31 (SPA) — Pakistan supports the resolutions adopted at the 12th Arab summit held in Fez, Morocco. Habib Chatti, the secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) said here. He told reporters at the end of a six-day visit to Pakistan that President Zia Ul Haq had assured him of this.

Chatti said Zia Ul Haq also told him that the Pakistani delegation which will attend the next meeting of the OIC (Jerusalem) committee would lead its full support to the Arab Fez plan.

Hospital leases SR10m building

MADINAH, Dec. 31 (SPA) — The Madinah Health Department has leased a SR10 million building to use it as a maternity and child hospital. The new hospital will accommodate up to 470 patients when completed. It will be the largest maternity hospital in Saudi Arabia. It is located in a place easy to reach from any point in the city.

A department spokesman said that Al-Malek Hospital has also been handed over after a renovation project that cost SR10 million.

for international instructors who use English, especially when it comes to worldwide used codes and conventions and financial computer programming.

Trainees study for about six hours a day, from 8 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. with a break for prayers. They are awarded a certificate at the end of the training course provided they pass the test with a minimum 80 percent average.

Among the disciplines taught are higher management, marketing and marketing research, salesmanship, accountancy for professionals and laymen, financial administration and planning, informatics, public relations, storekeeping and management of warehouses, trade codes, letters of credit, common errors in contracts, security and industrial safety, and the rules governing negotiations and purchases from abroad.



INDONESIAN OFFICIALS: Indonesian Embassy officials attended the inauguration of the charity bazaar organized by its women's society. Ambassador Achmad Tirtosudiro, second from left, inaugurated the opening Thursday night.

Women's charity bazaar held

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 31 — The Indonesian charity bazaar, organized by the Indonesian Women's Society, was inaugurated by Ambassador Achmad Tirtosudiro at the embassy premises on Thursday.

The two-day event was arranged to raise a relief fund for the victims of natural disasters in Indonesia, mainly due to the multiple eruption of volcanoes, according to Women's Society (Dharma Wanita) Chairman Mrs. Suresmi Achmad Tirtosudiro, wife of the ambassador.

She told *Arab News* that the society hoped to raise nearly SR50,000 for the fund through the sale of articles and food

displayed at the bazaar. The stalls sell batik material, garments and shoes for men and women and varieties of Indonesian food.

The society's branch in the Kingdom has nearly 150 members and carries out various welfare and cultural activities for Indonesian women. It arranges once a month gathering in addition to vocational, educational activities, religious lectures, Arabic and English language classes, physical training for its members, she added.

The society has organized a "Mothers Day" on Jan. 6, when competitions and cultural programs will be arranged. It has planned another bazaar in February at the university. Mrs. Tirtosudiro said.



HANDICRAFT STALL: One of the garment and handicraft stalls is seen at the bazaar.

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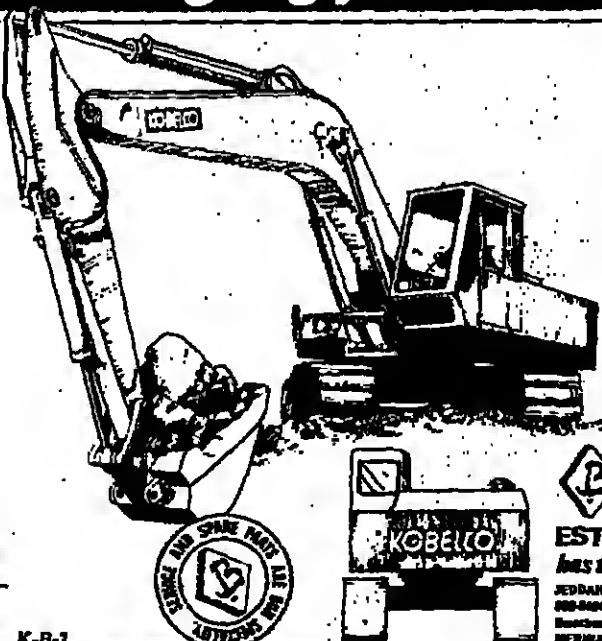
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Riyadh institution gets new director

U.S. surgeon joining eye hospital

By Dawn Liddicombe
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Dec. 31 — Baylor College of Medicine ophthalmologist Dr. David Paton, one of the United States' most active corneal surgeons, is expected to arrive in Riyadh soon to serve for two years as medical director of the King Khaled Eye Hospital.

"King Khaled Eye Hospital has excellent facilities," said Dr. Paton, "and what we want to do is combine these facilities with outstanding ophthalmologists and teachers."

While Dr. Paton specializes in corneal operations, he will recruit 18 specialists in other areas of ophthalmology, and by the end of 1983, will have 44 established sub-specialists working at King Khaled Eye Hospital. The staff will include several resident doctors from Saudi Arabia. Dr. Paton plans to develop an active fellowship program involving a "very competitive selection." He will return to the United States briefly in February to interview candidates for the fellowship program.

Dr. Paton serves on numerous editorial and scientific boards, medical school committees, and national societies, and has a special interest in continuing medical education. He is the founder of Project ORBIS, an International Teaching Eye Hospital, housed in a specially converted DC-8 jetliner, which travels from country to country at the invitation of a country's government and ophthalmological society.

Dr. Paton said he hopes ORBIS will travel to Riyadh at the end of January 1983 to celebrate the opening of King Khaled Eye Hospital. Prince Talal recently visited here and met with Dr. Paton and invited ORBIS to the Kingdom.

Dr. Paton established Project ORBIS to



Dr. David Paton

provide a crash course in microsurgery for doctors around the world. In existence since March 1982, ORBIS already has treated hundreds of cases of blindness and other serious eye ailments in Latin America, Europe and Asia.

Most recently was its stop in Lahore, Pakistan, at the invitation of Pakistani President Zia ul-Haq. ORBIS anticipates 18 annual missions. The average ORBIS stay is two weeks.

Project ORBIS provides hands-on training to local doctors, who in turn treat numerous patients. Surgical skills are transferred between visiting and host doctors.

"This process of interchange is crucial," Dr. Paton said. "The benefits to the host country, the participating doctors, and the patients are what make the system supportable. This interchange is what makes the system work," he added.

work," he added.

"The educational system of skills-transfer by hands-on surgery, which is epitomized by ORBIS, will be the system incorporated at King Khaled Eye Hospital," Dr. Paton said. "In fact, it will be a sort of land-based ORBIS, where doctors will be training to master state-of-the-art technology. King Khaled Eye Hospital has the best facilities and equipment of any hospital in the world, and we hope to equip it with the best trained doctors."

Dr. Paton's service in Riyadh will not be his first in the Middle East. He spent one year at St. John Ophthalmic Hospital in Jerusalem, Jordan from 1962-1963, and was awarded a Royal Decoration of the Third Order by Jordan's King Hussein for setting up the first eye bank in the Middle East. Before college graduation from Princeton, in New Jersey, Dr. Paton completed a trachoma survey in Iran.

After graduating from Princeton, Dr. Paton graduated from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in 1956. He completed nine years of medical internship at Cornell University in New York, then spent two subsequent years in laboratory and clinical research as a clinical associate in the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness. In 1959 he started his first year of a five-year residency at the Willmer Institute, Johns Hopkins Hospital, where he became a full-time faculty member in 1964.

Keratoplasty and anterior segment eye surgery became Dr. Paton's chief interest, and during the next few years he visited North Africa, Asia, the Far East and Russia related to such surgery and its teaching.

In January 1971, Dr. Paton was appointed professor and chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. He served as chairman through June 1981, when he resigned to give more time to other areas of interest.

Dr. Paton served as secretary of the Continuing Education Committee of the American Academy of Ophthalmology from 1977 to 1982. In 1982 he has served as chairman of the American Board of Ophthalmology, and beginning in 1983 will serve as First Vice President of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. Dr. Paton will fulfill this capacity by returning to the United States from Riyadh four times during 1983 to attend the board of directors' meetings.



TELEPHONE TRAINEE: Transfer of technology, a key part of the Saudi Telephone program, is being carried out systematically. Here, a young Saudi Arabian graduate is seen learning the operation of the National Network Control Center where the entire Saudi Telephone network can be monitored from a central panel.

Saudi Telephone plans all-round progress

JEDDAH, Dec. 31 — The telephone service capacity in the Balad area of Madinah is being expanded. On Dec. 14, Saudi Telephone brought into service a new ultra modern PRB switcher that will increase the capacity of telephone lines by 9,000, according to a Saudi Telephone spokesman.

This expansion of the Balad exchange continues as tremendous growth is experienced in the Madinah district, where the current number of working telephone lines is well over 50,000, a dramatic increase from the total of 7,000 lines.

Madinah district, being in the forefront of the Kingdom's leading Islamic role, continues to receive priority treatment from Saudi Telephone in its ongoing telephone expansion and improvement program.

Over the past five years, the face of Saudi Telephone training has changed completely. Fully equipped, modern training centers, with housing facilities for out-of-town students, now exist in Riyadh and Jeddah. Over 200 new courses have been developed by experts from Canada and are taught to thousands of trainees every year.

"These courses have a Kingdom-wide reputation for excellence. The training center's responsibilities, however, do not end with the delivery of courses to technical and administrative employees," a spokesman of Saudi Telephone said.

He said the few training courses available in Saudi Telephone were taught by instructors unused to the special requirements of the Kingdom in small classrooms.

He stated that there is another important program which involves developing the instructors themselves — the "instructor training course." The course, being part of the development, teaches the new instructor the most modern methods of imparting knowledge to the trainee so that he properly applies the new techniques to his job.

The course covers the latest procedures in the preparation and presentation of training material, the best uses of modern audiovisual equipment and methods for most effectively combining the various styles of teaching.

"These new instructors are increasingly Saudi nationals and their development is a key element in Saudi Telephone's intensive Saudization drive," the spokesman added.

According to the spokesman, coin telephone vandalism remains a serious problem. Recently, for example, all the coin telephones in Al Uyoun town of Al Ahsa district were removed due to the excessive vandalism of children and were sent to another town where the citizens would better appreciate coin telephone service. "Saudi Telephone is asking for the help of all the citizens in putting a stop to this dangerous criminal act," he added.

The spokesman said coin telephones have become a vital part of the communications needs of citizens since the introduction of the telephone expansion program. Today, the Kingdom is served by over 3,800 coin sets.

Citizens use coin telephones in times of emergency — to report fires, car accidents, the need for medical help or call police. "When vandals strike they are breaking more than a coin telephone. They are breaking a

citizen's link to emergency help. For this reason, coin telephone vandalism is one of the most serious crimes that can be committed," he said.

"Yet, some thoughtless and irresponsible people have caused great damage to coin sets. Saudi Telephone considers that acts of vandalism like the breaking of handsets and cords, interfering with the pay chutes, removing any equipment such as directories, from the sets, defacing the telephone or booth and breaking any part of the telephone or booth," he added.

Holding out a warning, the spokesman said Saudi Telephone is determined to take action to prevent further abuse so that citizens may

have good service from a clean, operational coin telephone. Citizens are asked to watch coin telephone sets in their vicinity and report any acts of vandalism. Merchants who have stores near a coin set are asked to report any suspicious acts. Citizens can either call the police directly (using Saudi Telephone's special service code: 999) or call Saudi Telephone's repair department (904) which will report the vandal to the police.

"Saudi Telephone is sure that with the citizens' help, these illegal acts will be stopped. Preventing vandalism will save money for the Kingdom and will avoid the serious inconvenience of broken coin telephone sets," the spokesman said.

Prayer Times

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Saturday						
Fajr (Dawn)	5:33	5:40	5:12	5:02	5:27	6:01
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:24	12:25	11:56	11:43	12:07	12:37
Asr (Afternoon)	3:29	3:25	2:56	2:39	3:04	3:30
Maghrib (Sunset)	5:51	5:46	5:16	5:00	5:24	5:49
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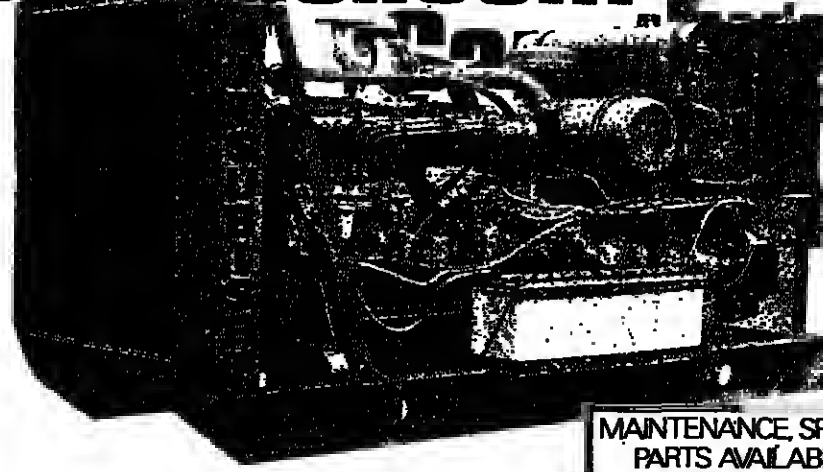
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Making Israel behave

U.S. told match words to deeds

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (R) — The Arab League ambassador in Washington has called on the Reagan administration to match actions to words in the Middle East by persuading Israel to freeze its Jewish settlements in the occupied territories.

The ambassador, Clovis Maksoud, told reporters a freeze would be an important signal to the Arab world but said it had to be "precise." The duration of a settlements freeze negotiated at the 1978 Camp David peace negotiations by former President Jimmy Carter has been a matter of dispute.

U.S. action in getting a settlements freeze, he said, would halt Israel's efforts to frustrate Palestinian identity. "That is at least a signal," he said.

He said withholding of military aid to Israel or aid that helped establish settlements or pay for the invasion of Lebanon would be significant signals of U.S. intentions. But he accused Congress of "insensitivity" in increasing Israeli aid.



Clovis Maksoud

Maksoud's comments were made following a visit to Washington last week by King Hussein of Jordan. The administration hopes the king will agree to negotiations with Israel on President Reagan's proposal for Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank and Gaza in association with Jordan.

Maksoud called the king's visit useful and

said the talks could bring results if the broad outcome of Arab-Israeli negotiations could be seen. Otherwise, he said, the Arabs would be drawn into a quagmire where negotiations became a substitute for a settlement. He said Israel appeared to consider negotiations a means to buy time while it pursued its objectives.

Maksoud seemed to soften the Arab League's official demand for a Palestinian state in the occupied territories, emphasizing instead the need for the West Bank and Gaza to become part of "Arab political patrimony."

Whether the territories became a Palestinian state or were confederated with Jordan was secondary to this aim, he said. The United States opposes a Palestinian state. Maksoud did not reject out of hand a demilitarized Palestinian state, although he said the Palestinians had more cause to fear attack than the Israelis.

Fresh fighting flares up in Tripoli city

BEIRUT, Dec. 31 (AP) — Pro-Syrian and Palestinian-backed Lebanese militiamen pounded each other with artillery, mortars and rockets in the port city of Tripoli Friday, shattering a week-long ceasefire in Lebanon's second largest city, police said.

They said first reports showed at least eight persons were wounded in the flare-up between pro-Syrian Alawite Muslim militiamen of the Arab Democratic Party and the pro-Palestinian irregulars of the "Popular Resistance" coalition.

Pakistan seizes banned films

RAWALPINDI, Dec. 31 (AFP) — Police seized about two thousand prints of banned movies and dozens of blue films, official sources said, as part of President Muhammad Zia ul Haq's drive to clean the society.

A martial-law team headed by the local administration chief, Hassan Waseem Afzal, sealed the city's big shopping center after reports that shopkeepers were clandestinely dealing in banned films.

Blue films smuggled into Pakistan were allegedly available at local shops even after the introduction of strict censorship rules in the country.

People were reportedly purchasing or renting at up to 200 rupees (\$20) banned Indian and English movie cassettes.

Soon after the government launched a drive to eradicate social evils last September, police arrested a number of people including a local magistrate in the Punjab town Multan for watching forbidden VCR films.

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The privately owned "Voice of Free Lebanon" radio station based in Beirut said the antagonists traded artillery and rocket barrages at a rate of one shell per second from their positions in the low-income Tripoli neighborhoods of Baal Mohsen and Bab El-Tabbaneh.

There was no word on what caused the collapse of the ceasefire that last week silenced the guns after month-long fighting that claimed 83 lives in the Mediterranean city 80

Soviets fire on Afghan soldiers

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 31 (AP) — Soviet troops fired on a group of Afghan government soldiers at Kabul airport, apparently mistaking them for anti-Communist Muslim freedom fighters, a well-informed source said Friday.

The source said the firefight occurred Tuesday, but details remained sketchy. He said he had no word of casualties. The source, who declined to be identified, said he obtained his information from an Afghan refugee who crossed the Pakistan frontier at Peshawar.

No other details were immediately known and it was not possible to confirm the report because the Afghan government restricts coverage of the conflict.

Part of the Soviet embassy in Kabul was damaged in a rocket attack on the building Dec. 20 by Mujahideen, according to a traveler who has arrived in Peshawar.

Reports said the traveller asked to remain anonymous because, he said, he intended returning to Afghanistan.

Tass news agency in Moscow meanwhile reported that 150,000 Afghans assembled

kilometers north of Beirut.

Syria's minister of state attached to the president's office Abdul Kerim Adi visited Tripoli Thursday and delivered a message from Syrian President Hafez Assad to former Lebanese Premier Rashid Karamé, press correspondents here reported. Karamé is a leading Muslim personality and head of a committee of the town's major political figures.

Adi left here later with a message from Karamé to the Syrian leader. No word was given of the contents of either message.

Thursday before the U.S. Embassy in Kabul to protest "gross interference" by the United States in Afghanistan's domestic affairs.

The anti-Communist opposition meanwhile said in Peshawar, near the Afghan border, that 400 of its fighters Tuesday had staged a night raid on Jalalabad, a city 150 kilometers east of Kabul, in which three Afghan soldiers guarding police headquarters had been killed.

Andropov invites Arafat to Moscow

TUNIS, Dec. 31 (AP) — Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat has been invited to visit the Soviet Union by the new Soviet leader, Yuri Andropov, the Palestinian news agency Wafa said Thursday. It gave no indication when the visit might take place. The invitation was delivered to Arafat Thursday by Soviet ambassador to Tunisia Vsevolod Kizichenko, who had discussions with Arafat on "the latest developments on the Palestinian and international scenes."

Row with Turkey worries Greece

ATHENS, Dec. 31 (R) — President Constantine Karamanlis said Friday in a message that if the Greek-Turkish dispute continued there could be serious consequences for both nations.

Greece faced serious problems, in both the economy and foreign affairs, he said. "We should not allow internal differences to weaken our front at home when there is an open danger on the foreign front."

"If the dispute with Turkey is excessively prolonged it could develop into a bitter adventure for both our peoples," President Karamanlis said.

PLO continues POW swap talks

PARIS, Dec. 31 (AFP) — Issam Sartawi, a political adviser to Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat, confirmed that direct negotiations under the auspices of the International Red Cross were taking place between Israel and the PLO on an exchange of prisoners.

But Sartawi, who lives in Paris and is in charge of relations between the PLO and the Socialist International, refused to confirm that the negotiations had been organized in Vienna by Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky.

Sartawi also refused to name the PLO's representative at these talks or comment on reports that Israel was represented by Arieh Eliav, a former secretary-general of the Israeli Labor Party, and considered a "dove". Some press reports have suggested that Sartawi is the PLO's negotiator.

Sartawi and Eliav first met in Paris in 1975 in an effort to promote an Israeli-Palestinian peace and remained in touch since. Eliav was one of the founders of the Israeli committee for an Israeli-Palestinian peace.

Kodjo holds hope for OAU's future

ADDIS ABABA, Dec. 31 (R) — The secretary-general of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), Edem Kodjo, said Friday that there was a gleam of hope for the troubled body in the coming year.

Kodjo said 1982 was a give time for the OAU, which twice failed to hold its annual summit because of sharp differences which he said "had almost divided the continent."

But Kodjo said there was "a gleam of dialogue and hope" for the 19-year-old organization and expressed the wish that it would be stronger in 1983. He did not elaborate.

A first attempt to hold the summit in Libya last August collapsed because of a boycott by member states protesting against the OAU membership of the Saharan republic declared by the Polisario Front independence movement.

First mass trial concludes

149 Turkish rebels convicted

GOLCUK, Turkey, Dec. 31 (R) — One of the first mass trials to be concluded in Turkey under military rule ended with the conviction of 149 members of the militant leftist Turkish Peoples Liberation Party (THKP) in the naval port of Golcuk.

The semi-official Anatolian news agency said Thursday they were sentenced to jail terms of up to 10 years on charges of forming an illegal organization aimed at establishing a communist state.

The military court acquitted 110 of the accused and deferred judgement on eight, the agency said. The trial began months ago and most of the defendants were held in detention throughout.

Since the military takeover in September 1980, many mass trials involving from a few dozen up to 600 defendants have opened across the country against people accused of stirring up political violence that prompted the coup. The trials cover leftists, trade unionists, Kurdish nationalists and some

right-wing militants. The THKP was one of several clandestine leftist groups operating before the takeover when up to 25 people were being killed daily in street violence throughout Turkey.

In Golcuk, in a separate court hearing, two military judges were jailed for a total of nearly 15 years for extorting bribes from relatives of defendants being tried by them.

Reporters at the military court said Major Eyup Montes was jailed for eight years and two months, and Major Caglar Aksoy was sentenced to six years and seven months. They were expelled from the army and barred from public service for life.

Meanwhile in neighboring Iran a number of officials have been arrested in a crackdown ordered by Ayatollah Khomeini on judges and administrators who abuse their authority and violate human rights.

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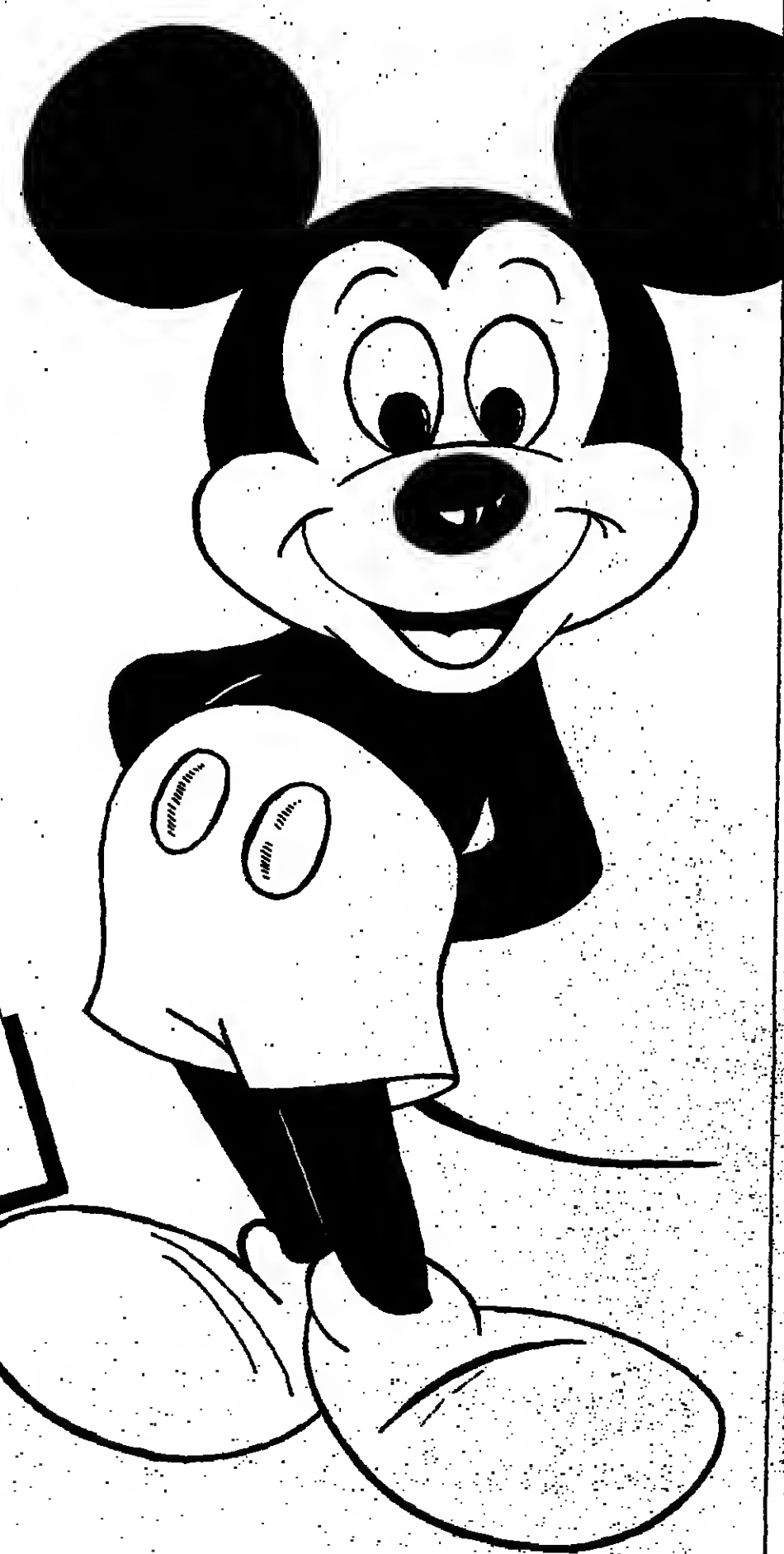
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Over 10,000 buried

Government discovers Pol Pot mass graves

BANGKOK, Dec. 31 (Agencies) — The Phnom Penh government in Cambodia Friday claimed that mass graves holding about 10,000 victims of the ousted Pol Pot regime have been found in the northwestern province of Battambang.

The SPK news agency, monitored in Bangkok, said the graves were recently discovered at the Buddhist temple of Samrong in the Thai-Cambodian frontier province, 300 kilometers northwest of Phnom Penh. The government says it has uncovered numerous execution sites of the Pol Pot regime, which

was toppled by Vietnamese troops in early 1979 after four years in power.

The SPK report said the temple had been converted into a prison, torture center and execution ground during the Pol Pot era. A coalition of political groups including Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge is fighting to oust the Vietnamese-backed regime in Phnom Penh.

Meanwhile, guerrilla leader Khieu Samphan has called for "more strength and stability" in the Kampuchean coalition government in its fight against Vietnamese forces in Kampuchea.

Samphan, vice-president of the coalition of three Kampuchean resistance groups, made the plea in a New Year's message quoted by the clandestine Democratic Kampuchea Radio Friday in Bangkok. The coalition, founded in Kuala Lumpur last June and recognized by a majority in the United Nations as Kampuchea's legal government, links Samphan's pro-Peking Khmer Rouge, the non-Communist Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF) and the followers of Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the coalition president.

But the three groups function separately militarily and Western diplomats say that the alliance, forged after many false starts, is also uneasy politically.

Massachusetts bill on pension funds vetoed

BOSTON, Dec. 31 (R) — Massachusetts Governor Edward King Thursday vetoed a bill that would have required state employee pension funds to divest themselves of securities of firms doing business in South Africa.

King cited potential financial losses under a legally forced sale. The governor said the state would continue a voluntary divestiture, but that current market conditions "would have a negative impact" on the pension funds.

Hijack attempt by ex-pilot foiled

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 31 (AP) — An unemployed pilot, threatening to detonate a bomb, tried to hijack a United Airlines flight with 77 persons aboard Thursday night before being persuaded to surrender peacefully, the FBI said.

The suspect, Michael James Will, 30, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, was not carrying any explosives and did not make any demand other than being flown to Washington, said Walter Weiner, head of the FBI office in Pittsburgh. Officials said no one was harmed in the incident.

United flight 702 was en route from Chicago to Pittsburgh international airport when Will called a stewardess to his seat. Weiner said, "He indicated that if his instructions were not complied with, he would detonate the bag he was carrying," said Weiner.

Russian spacecraft grows crops

MOSCOW, Dec. 31 (R) — Soviet space experiments this year showed that crews of future long-distance cosmic flights would be able to grow some of their own food, Pravda reported Friday.

The newspaper said plant tests carried out on board the orbiting space station Salyut-7 had been an enormous success. Cosmonauts Anatoly Bereznev and Valentin Lebedev, who manned the station for nearly seven

months, grew plants through an entire life cycle for the first time in weightless conditions.

Pravda said they had cultivated peas, wheat and herbs in the special "bot-house" section of the spacecraft. Scientists considered that the experiments had proved it would be possible to grow food crops on board space craft sent off on long-term space missions in the future, the Communist Party daily added.

Johannesburg court bombed

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 31 (R) — A bomb blast rocked the Johannesburg Magistrates' Court building early Friday, police said. Police refused to give details of the explosion and would not say if the explosion was inside or outside the building, which is only 200 meters from the city's John Vorster Square police headquarters. Bomb squad experts sifted through the debris of broken glass outside the building and cordoned off the immediate area around the courts. The court building was closed to the public and police in camouflage uniform manned roadblocks to keep the public out of the area.

A spokesman at police headquarters in Pretoria said sabotage was suspected and that intensive investigations were under way. He said that damage to the building was slight.

Responsibility for a number of explosions at government installations has been claimed by or blamed on guerrillas of the banned African National Congress (ANC), which seeks to overthrow the white minority government in Pretoria by force. Earlier this month, South African troops raided ANC targets in the Lesotho capital of Maseru in what they called a pre-emptive strike against ANC guerrillas.

Lesotho police said 30 ANC members and 12 Lesotho citizens were killed in the raid.

Japan divorce rate increases

TOKYO, Dec. 31 (R) — Japan's divorce rate reached a post-war record in 1982 of 1.4 couples per thousand population, up from 1.32 last year, according to the annual report of the ministry of health and welfare released Friday.

Ministry officials said Japan's divorce rate was now nearly level with France and Sweden, but still well below the United States where the rate was about five couples per thousand persons. The report showed a drop in the infant mortality rate to 6.6 per thousand live births — the lowest on record — from 7.1 in 1981. Japan now rivaled Sweden as the country with the lowest infant mortality rate, officials said.

Among the population as a whole, cancer remained the number one killer for the second consecutive year, with strokes the second most frequent cause of death, the report said.

Haiti leader freed

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Dec. 31 (AFP) — Sylvio Claude, the founder of the Haitian Christian Democratic Party, was released Thursday two days after he was detained for undetermined reasons.

Claude and his daughter, Marie-Francoise, were arrested on Tuesday and taken to the main military barracks. Miss Claude, an official of the party, was released a few hours later.

French team climber missing in Everest

KATHMANDU, Dec. 31 (AP) — A Belgian member of a 10-man French expedition trying to climb Mt. Everest by the steep West Ridge has not been heard from since Thursday, the base camp reported Friday.

The report said Jean Bourgeois, a 46-year-old engineer from Brussels, disappeared after he left his companions, three French Alpinists and a Swiss, who were moving from camp one, at 6,500 meters (19,680 feet), to camp two, at 7,000 meters (22,960 feet). Bourgeois was climbing with team leader Michel Vetzger, 33, of Paris, Alain de Blanchaud, 27, of Paris, Rene Ghilini, of Chamonix, and Pierre-Alain Steiner, a 22-year-old Swiss member, the report said.

Spanish Guard frees kidnapped industrialist

PAMPLONA, Spain, Dec. 31 (AFP) — Basque industrialist Saturnino Orbeagoia was freed by the Spanish Civil Guard Thursday after 47 days of captivity by the Basque separatist organization ETA-PM (political military), it was announced here.

Orbeagoia, 70, was freed without a fight from a shepherd's hut, near the village of Santesteban in Navarra Province at the edge of the Basque country, where he apparently spent the past 46 days. Two young people, presumed to be his jailers, were arrested. Reports said they had no time to react when the seven-man civil guard team converged on the hut.

Industrialist Juan Felizperiz, who served as intermediary in negotiations between the Orbeagoia family and the kidnappers, said no ransom had been paid. The Basque organization had reportedly demanded \$639,000 but the family said it could not pay more than half that amount, sources said.

Orbeagoia looked tired but was said to be in good health as he returned to his home in Urtezu in the neighboring Basque province of Guipuzcoa a few hours after his release.

2 stowaways found dead aboard ship

BOSTON, Dec. 31 (R) — Two men, possibly stowaways, have been found suffocated under tons of sugar in the cargo hold of a Dominican vessel that had to battle through a storm to reach Boston, police said Thursday.

The captain of the 391-foot cargo ship *Santa Rosa*, said all his 24-man crew were accounted for and the two bodies were probably those of stowaways. Police said they were also investigating whether the men, both apparently from the Dominican Republic, were stevedores.

Californian arrested for poisoning wife

SAN JOSE, California, Dec. 31 (R) — A man was arrested here Thursday and charged with poisoning his wife and then putting cyanide in pain-killing capsules in an attempt to cover up his crime.

Richard Ray Bowen, arrested on a San Jose highway on his way home from work, is being held on two charges — attempted murder and poisoning medicine.

Mrs. Bowen was taken to a hospital in a serious condition Nov. 26 with what doctors at first thought was a stroke.

Zhao visits Conakry

CONAKRY, Dec. 31 (AFP) — Chinese Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang arrived here Thursday from Rabat, flying south across the Sahara desert from the West African state of Guinea to begin the fourth leg of his tour of 10 African states.

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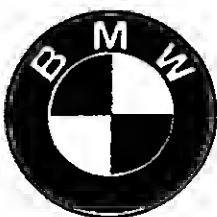
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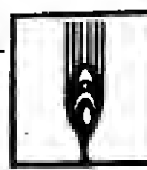
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BLOODBATH OF THE YEAR: A world long inured to Mai La and other massacres still recoils in utter horror when it thinks of the enormity of the Israeli crimes in the Palestinian refugee camps of Sabra and Shatila in mid-September. The final death toll in the genocide which lasted 40 hours still remains unclear.



NATURE'S FURY: Rescue workers are clearing the debris in Sanaa, North Yemen, which was devastated by an earthquake in December, killing 3,000 people. But the fury of nature is yet to be abated. Tremors continue to jolt houses across hundreds of square kilometers from the North Yemen capital to the South Yemen border.



HEIRS TO THE BRITISH THRONE: Prince Charles, the first in line to the British throne, and Princess Diana play with their son, the second in line, born in June. Below: Royal Marines hoist the Union Flag on East Falkland Island seven weeks after the British dependency was invaded by Argentina in April.



1982 in retrospect

By Derek Ingram

As 1982 flickered to an end a new movie began to focus world attention on the life and sayings of a man who died almost 35 years ago — the father figure of India, Mahatma Gandhi.

It had been a year like many others in recent memory: much taken up with violence and the threat of violence, coupled with a re-stirring of deep popular concern about the nuclear precipice on which the super-powers seemed to be ever more precariously perched.

Gandhi was the greatest modern apostle of nonviolence. His life had ended violently and his people, having acquired their independence largely by nonviolence, had greeted it with a frenzy of violence. Yet if Gandhi were alive today he would still stand firmly by his dictum: "Nonviolence is the greatest force at the disposal of mankind." The film, a flawed and majestic work, premiered and acclaimed in Asia and the West, forced many people to reflect on these things, for it could not be said that by 1982 man had taken Gandhi's message to heart any more than the people of India had done in 1947.

Most people on earth today are concerned, as they were in Gandhi's day, with survival, and if not, with retention of the standard of living to which they have become accustomed. Now it was all under threat as more of the world became gripped in recession, a creeping sickness dating back to the mid-70s from which by the year's end there seemed still no real sign of recovery.

History never exactly repeats itself, so there was little similarity to the slump of the 20s and 30s which, it is uncomfortable to remind ourselves, was brought to an end not so much by man's ingenuity as by his plunge into world war. In this recession there was less popular demonstration, more a pained resignation of the situation, a helplessness in the face of a technological revolution that seemed to mean that even if business began to flourish again robotics would rule and the jobs would still not be there.

For all but the luckiest of developing countries the rich world's slump began to extinguish hope: lower and lower commodity prices, less investment, fewer markets for their goods, rising indebtedness, less foreign exchange to buy even the essentials, curtailing of development plans, increasingly hard faces among the rich at international meetings on the whole range of economic problems. Sorry, they said. We want to help, but the only way we can really do that is to by getting our own houses in order first. Once that is achieved we can come to your rescue. The poor countries had been hearing the refrain for a long time now.

The brief summit meeting of North and South in Cancun, Mexico, at the end of 1981 had been intended to start improving relations between rich and poor. Instead it had merely served to confirm that the North-South dialogue had become the North-South deadlock. In 1982 no one could see how to break the deadlock. The doctrine of the Brandt Report — namely, that it was in the long-term interests of the rich to help the poor countries so that they provided growing markets for their goods — had been ignored. The political will was still not there.

When 150 countries met to sign the 221-page Law of the Sea treaty worked out over ten years the U.S. supported by Britain, refused to put its name to it.

Calls for a restructuring of the world's financial institutions were dismissed: a demand, first made by New Zealand Prime Minister Robert Muldoon, for a new conference on the lines of the Bretton Woods meeting in 1944, which had laid down the whole post-war monetary system, was coolly received. Mere tinkering with machinery devised for a world of 40 years ago seemed all the rich world was ready to consider. Weeks later, however, a sign did appear that Washington had finally become alarmed at the situation: Treasury Secretary Donald Regan said the U.S. was indeed to press for "a new Bretton Woods type conference" to rewrite and better control the international monetary system. It was a ray of hope. In all this the Soviet Union and the Eastern bloc and the United States and the Western bloc are as conservative as each other and the vast mass of poorer countries in between remain as much the victim of the situation as the 30 million unemployed in the West whose labor could do so much to ease the poor countries situation.

As it was, the recession began to bite deeply into the economies of even the richest countries such as Canada and Australia, and a creeping mood of protectionism began to insinuate itself. At an 88-nation meeting of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) in Geneva in November Japanese, European and American delegates alike protested their faith in free trade but promised little in their final agreement to curb protectionism. The Australian delegate was so disgusted he dissociated his country from the communique. Against this backdrop of economic stagnation 1982 was a year of considerable drama. In the Soviet Union the long-expected happened: 75-year-old Leonid Brezhnev, leader of all the Russians, stood on the podium in Moscow's icy Red Square for the anniversary parade of the Revolution, was helped down the steps, an aide even taking his spectacles from his face, and was next seen in public swathed in flowers in an open coffin.

Within hours Yuri Andropov was moved quickly into place and within a week Brezhnev seemed almost forgotten. When world leaders gathered in Moscow for the funeral already what mattered was the length of time Andropov spent in greeting them at the reception afterward. Ten seconds for Pym of Britain, 20 for Bush of the U.S. and several minutes for Huang Hua of China, followed the very next day by the first talks of significance between Russian and Chinese leaders for a decade. On his return to Peking the 72-year-old Huang ceased to be foreign minister, though this, said the pundits, did not signify that he had got it wrong in Moscow. His retirement was according to plan.

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END OF AN ERA: Leonid Brezhnev, who had ruled the Soviet Union for 14 years, died in November, ending an era of Stalinist legacy. Below: In Poland the military government was confident enough to release the Solidarity leader, Lech Walesa, (with raised hands) from detention in November, and ease the martial law imposed in December 1981.



CUP OF JOY: 1982 in sports might best be remembered by the Italian cheer "Viva Paolo". The year produced wonderful World Cup, capped when Italy won its first soccer title since 1938. Spearheading the team was Paolo Rossi, who was recently crowned the "European Footballer of the year." The star is seen on the left kissing the Cup on the homeward journey while on the right the Italian players (from left) Giuseppe Bergomi, Antonio Cabrini (with cup), Alessandro Antonelli, Gaetano Scirea and Claudio Gentile do the victory lap after beating West Germany in the final.

The year in retrospect

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Another straw in the funeral wind was the warm welcome given to President Zia of Pakistan and the cool one for Babrak Karmal, setting off predictions that some deal to produce a Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan could be in the air. It would not be the first time that a world leader's funeral had provided the springboard for major policy shifts.

In the Western part of the Eastern bloc the agony of Poland continued. The new leader Marshal Jaruzelski proclaimed martial law, outlawed Solidarity and arrested Lech Walesa. For a time the situation quietened, but as it began to appear that Walesa was to be released some disorder broke out again in Gdansk and other cities. When finally Walesa was freed in November after a deal that appeared to have been struck with the Roman Catholic church he played it cool, assuring his followers only that his fight would go on and that he had made no compromise with the government. His position, however, looked to be less commanding.

The most unexpected event of 1982 took place in the remote South Atlantic group of the Falkland Islands, a British colony with 1,800 inhabitants long claimed by Argentina. On March 19 a group of "scrap metal men" landed on South Georgia, a part of the dependency mainly inhabited by penguins, ran up the Argentinian flag and left. The British treated it as an isolated incident, but it turned out to be the forerunner of a full-scale invasion of the Falklands on April 2 by Argentina's President Gen. Galtieri.

Within hours the Argentines had secured the islands, flown out the British governor, Rex Hunt, plucked him and all, and brought about the resignation of one of Britain's most popular foreign secretaries, Lord Carrington. Mrs. Thatcher, caught off guard, responded with astounding speed and efficiency, sailing 8,000 miles a task force of 100 ships, together with planes, helicopters and troops, recapturing the islands in wild and stormy early winter weather and returning it in triumph to a summer welcome of patriotic fervor not witnessed in Britain since World War II ended.

What had seemed at first a mere echo of the days of Queen Victoria and Gilbert and Sullivan now had, however, become a tragic conflict with the loss of something like 1,500 Argentinian and British lives, six major ships and more than 100 aircraft.

It had been an extraordinary postscript to the end of empire. In itself the brief, expensive episode had really solved nothing — the dispute over Falklands sovereignty between Britain and Argentina continued afterward — but it had involved an issue of principle for which the British had found substantial world support. That principle was about people having a right to decide who shall govern them and about the need for territorial disputes to be settled by negotiation and not by aggression.

It was an action which had highlighted the vulnerability of small states like Belize and Guyana, which were the subject of extravagant claims by larger neighbors. On this basis most Commonwealth countries and much of the Third World supported the British action, though they rapidly parted company with Britain afterward when Mrs. Thatcher adamantly refused to talk to Argentina. For Mrs. Thatcher it was a personal domestic triumph which put her rating in the opinion polls way ahead that of her political rivals, Michael Foot's Labor Party and the Social Democrat-Liberal Alliance. A cloud on the horizon was the inquiry she was forced to hold to establish why her government had been caught with its skirt down in the Falklands in the first place.

Did Mrs. Thatcher ignore warnings from the Foreign Office or did the Foreign Office misread Galtieri's determination? The report would come in early 1983.

As Britain waged war in the South Atlantic a more savage conflict broke out in the Middle East. Israel moved into the Lebanon and winked out the PLO, sweeping right into Beirut with a speed and weight that shocked even their strongest allies, the Americans. Their objective was achieved with great loss of life among the innocent Lebanese; negotiation involving the Americans led to evacuation of the PLO units to a variety of countries — Sudan, Syria, Jordan, Iraq, North Yemen, South Yemen, Algeria and Tunisia.

In the midst of the fighting the Lebanese elected a new president who was assassinated within days and succeeded by his brother, while the ultimate horror occurred when sudden massacres were unleashed in Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut under the eyes of the Israelis, bringing a deluge of criticism on the head of Prime Minister Menachem Begin and his defense minister, Ariel Sharon.

As world opinion moved more strongly against the Israelis than ever before, President Reagan proposed a Middle East solution that moved closer, but not all the way, to the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. The Israelis withdrew from the Lebanon, handing over to an international force, and Begin was forced to accept an inquiry into the circumstances of the massacre which many held the Israelis could, and should, have prevented. All this time, barely reported by the world outside, Iran and Iraq continued a war which had probably been more costly in lives than any other current conflict.

In 1982 some familiar faces disappeared and one or two reappeared. Alexander Haig resigned as U.S. secretary of state and was replaced by intellectual, urbane George Schultz. Helmut Schmidt, perhaps West Germany's most popular chancellor, was followed by the less colorful Helmut Kohl. The Spaniards elected the first Socialist government since the times led by charismatic young Felipe Gonzalez, who promptly formed a young government (his oldest minister is 56). Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki of Japan was replaced by Yasuhiro Nakasone. In Bangladesh the newly elected aging and ailing President Abdul Karim was ousted by yet another military leader, Lt. Gen. Hossein Ershad.

Henry Fonda died after ruling Swaziland for 60 years. Henry Fonda succumbed to cancer. Grace Kelly died in a car crash, and the world lost one of its greatest clowns, the comedian, Jacques Tati.

Lois Palmer, out of office since 1976, brought the Socialists back to power in Sweden. In



KHALED PASSES AWAY: King Khaled of Saudi Arabia passed away in June, leaving behind an array of spectacular achievements in both domestic and international affairs. Khaled was succeeded by King Fahd (right), who as Crown Prince had gained rich experience in domestic and foreign policy matters.



an astonishing turnaround in Mauritius 82-year-old Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam was swept from power, losing every seat, including his own, to a coalition of the left led by Anerood Jugnauth.

Fit Lt. Gerry Rawlings returned by coup in Ghana, once more extinguishing civilian democratic rule there. The government of President Hilla Limann had lasted little more than two years. In Papua New Guinea the first prime minister at independence, Michael Somare, came back in an election victory over Sir Julius Chan. After three elections in quick succession Garrett Fitzgerald returned as prime minister of Ireland while over the border, in Ulster, it had been another blood-bespattered year. In summer bombs killed people sitting round a London bandstand; in winter a pub bombing killed 16.

President Moi survived a coup attempt in Kenya, in which 129 died, and Prime Minister Albert Rene another in Seychelles. In Africa, most leaders were preoccupied with their worsening economies. Two attempts to hold the annual Organization of Unity summit in Tripoli failed, the first time over disagreement on the Western Sahara and the second on Chad. This was the first year since its foundation that the leaders had failed to meet.

The main focus in Africa, however, remained to the South, on the long war in Namibia and Southern Angola and on South Africa's continuing overt and covert interference in Mozambique, Angola, Zimbababwe and Lesotho. Endless political maneuvering seemed to bring a Namibian solution little nearer, especially because the U.S. now firmly linked Cuban withdrawal from Angola as a pre-condition for independence.

In Zimbababwe, the strains imposed by the Lancaster House constitution were predictably beginning to show. It was a more difficult year. Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's relations with Patriotic Front leader Joshua Nkomo worsened, kidnapping and murder of tourists caused government anxiety — and Ian Smith, despite losing much support among the whites, traveled to the U.S. and made statements about his country were deeply resented in Harare. On Smith's return his passport was taken away and his two homes searched. At 63, oblivious to the fact that his policies as prime minister had led to a civil war that killed 30,000 people, he began complaining about abuses of human rights. In the meantime, in a recession-struck Africa, Mugabe's Zimbababwe remained a good economy, growing slower — but growing all the same — and still moving forward with an experiment in healing race relations that is one of the most hopeful in the world.

In Asia, changes of emphasis were taking place again in China. Deng Xiao-ping

remained at 78 the most powerful man in the country, but the one day or cult of personality were long gone. More than ever the leadership appeared diffuse. After the twelfth Communist Party Congress, Teng became chairman of a new council of elders, with his proteges Hu Yaobang and Zhao Ziyang as party secretary and premier respectively. Hua Guofeng, who had succeeded Mao as chairman, now lost his place on the Politburo standing committee. Internally, modernization and industrialization proceeded. Externally the line had changed somewhat. Reagan's America was no longer in Chinese eyes the less evil of the two superpowers. They were equally dangerous, for the other hand, the long-held view that world war was inevitable was now dropped.

The position of Hong Kong, a British colony which remained a leasehold under Victorian treaties that the government in Peking does not recognize, was the main subject when Mrs. Thatcher visited China. The visit did not go so well. Mrs. Thatcher's direct style did not match Chinese subtlety, and the firmness of China's statements when she left showed that her view of sovereignty was not accepted. The whole episode gave Hong Kong businessmen the shudders and shares slumped. It was plainly the beginning of a very painful negotiations.

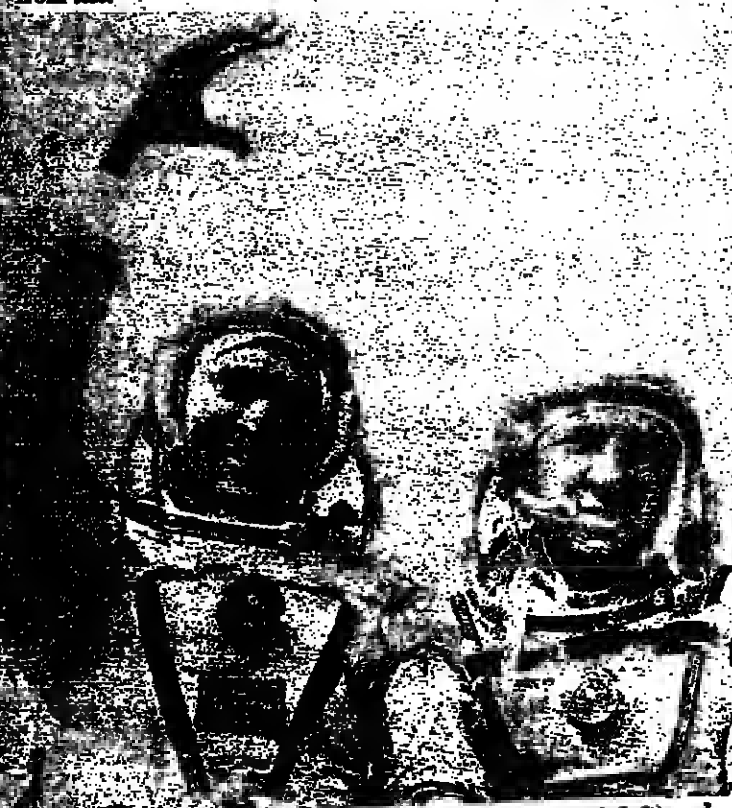
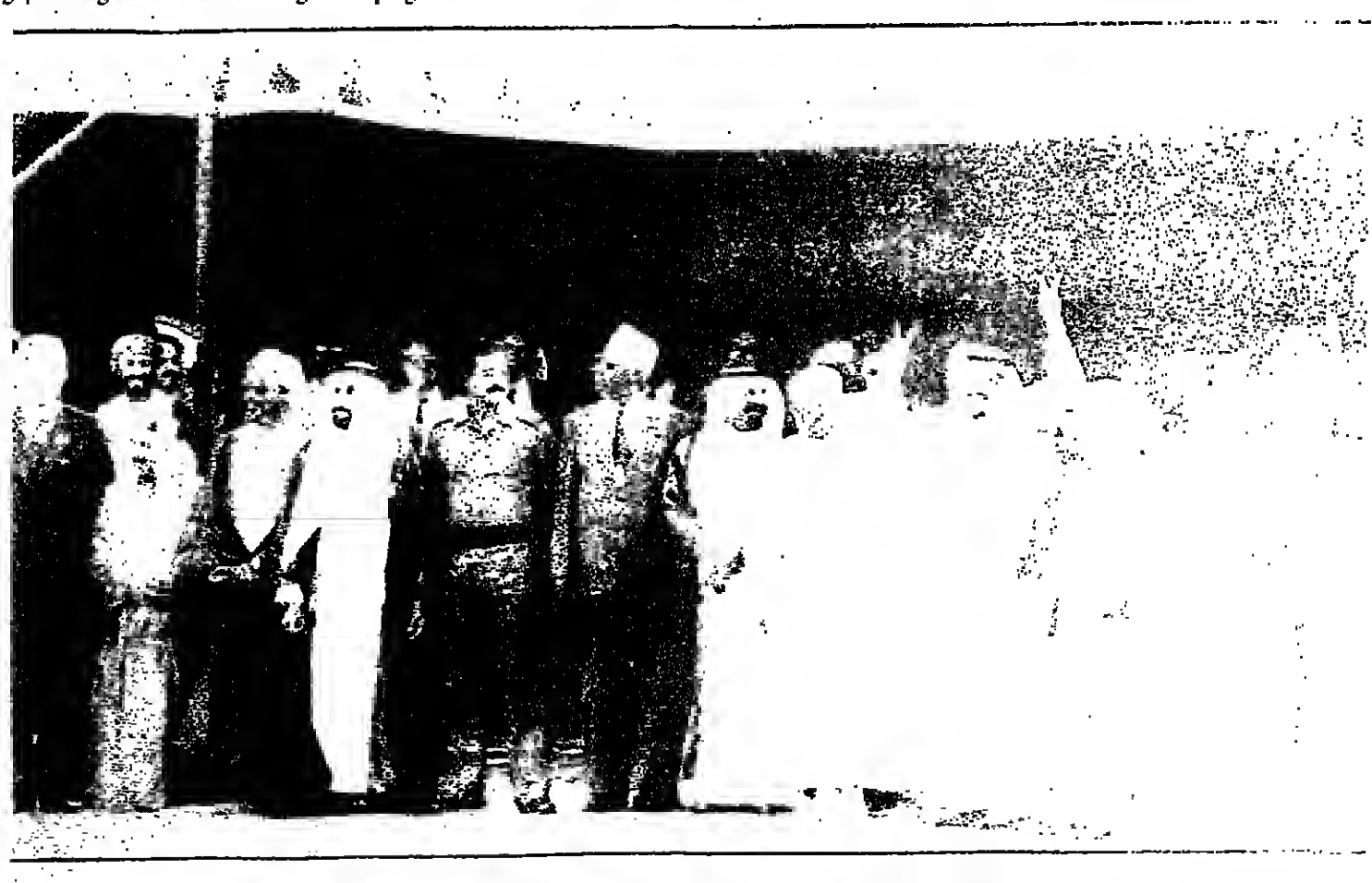
Most unbelievable story of the year appeared one morning in the *London Daily Express*. A man, it was said, had climbed over the wall of Buckingham Palace, wandered about fields, then entered Queen Elizabeth's bedroom and set on the edge of her bed. It was all only too true. The queen had calmly engaged him in conversation, phoned the police who took little notice, and finally been rescued by a dumbfounded maid who uttered the historic words: "Bloody hell. Ma'am, what's he doing in here?"

This seemed to be the year when everything happened to the British royal family. A future king was born to Princess Diana, Prince Andrew went to the Falklands and then took a clandestine holiday in the Caribbean with film actress Kae Shikari.

Italy won the World Cup. Britain kept finding spies in its midst, one a robot about a creature from space called E.T. — it stood for Extra-Terrestrial — and a live one called Star Wars as a box-office winner. And this in the year videos and computers became the toys of the masses — at least in the richer countries. Children knew far more about computers than their parents and preferred to stay in their bedrooms tapping out figures than watching films. Homework had actually become popular. *— David Hill*



ARAB-SOVIET TALKS: Yuri Andropov and other Soviet leaders with King Hussein of Jordan, leader, and other members of the Committee of Seven including Saad Ibn Faisal, the Kingdom's foreign affairs minister during talks held in Moscow in December. The committee was set up in accordance with the decision of the Arab summit meeting held in Fez, Morocco, for contacts with world leaders and the U.N. Security Council's permanent members on a Middle East settlement. Right: The Arab leaders who attended the Fez meeting summit. King Fahd of Saudi Arabia is seen from left.



SPACE HEROES: Soviet cosmonauts Anatoly Berezovoi (left) and Lebedev who had the longest ever manned space flight during the year.



NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS: Alva Myrdal of Sweden (left) and Alfonso Garcia Robles of Mexico, who were jointly awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for 1982.



MEDICAL MIRACLE: Arturo de Caceres (left) and his surgeon, Dr. William Davies, who replaced the dying heart in a historic operation in December.

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Korean stand on dissent unclear despite Kim's release

By K.C. Hwang

SEOUL — The release of leading dissident Kim Dae-jung in a sweeping amnesty that freed 1,206 persons left open the question of whether the government will be more tolerant of political dissent in the future. Critics say Korea's democratization still is obstructed by official policies and have called on the government to lift a ban against 580 politicians and restore freedom of the press. The amnesty culminated a series of liberalization measures this year, including the lifting of a midnight to 4 a.m. curfew enforced since 1945, the abolition of uniforms for high school students and easing restrictions on travel abroad.

The release of 48 dissidents in the amnesty has removed a major source of criticism at home and abroad of the human rights policies of President Chun Doo-hwan's government. Besides Kim and seven co-defendants charged with sedition in 1980, those freed include the 12 accused of leading a nine-day rebellion in the southern provincial capital of Kwangju, which claimed more than 180 lives in 1980.

The Kim trial and the rebellion marked the period of political transition during which Chun, a former army major, rose to power after the assassination of President Park Chung-hee in October 1979.

In announcing the amnesty, a government statement said the measure represented "a bold humanitarian decision of President Chun Doo-hwan to sweep away all vestiges of the old era and foster national harmony and cohesion." Commentators on the state-run radio-television networks and political analysts in the government-guided Korean press said the clemency also reflected the political confidence and maturity of the Chun government in its second full year.

However, they carefully avoided mentioning some other government policies which critics say stand in the way of the democratization of South Korea. Kim Young Sam, the head of the banned new Democratic Party urged the government to lift a six-year ban from public life on about 580 politicians and restore freedom of the press. In a telephone interview with *The New York Times* from Tokyo, he said, "we have to have a free press in my country. That is where everything begins. It is an essential of any democracy."

He has been under house arrest for seven months. At the same time, anti-government political rallies and demonstrations still are subject to harsh penalties. One church human rights organization estimates about 370 persons are still in custody. They are mostly students, accused of organizing anti-government demonstrations on the campuses, who church activists and human rights groups call political prisoners or prisoners of conscience.

The government maintains that its restrictive laws and measures are necessary for South Korea to cope with North Korea's belligerence. More than one million combat troops from both sides are deployed along Korea's demilitarized zone dividing the Korean peninsula.

In the amnesty statement, the government said it expected those freed from prison "to remould themselves as good citizens and spearhead pan-national endeavors to construct a democratic state assuring general well being and fostering national harmony and unity."

At the same time, it added, "the government makes it clear that it will take an even sterner attitude toward impediments to social stability and public order." Four days before the amnesty was announced, Chun dismissed two of his closest aides, Huh Hwa-pyung and Huh Sam-soo, both former one-star generals considered hardliners on anti-government activities. No reason was given for their release, but it has been speculated they were eased out because of their opposition to Kim Dae-jung's release. A highly placed government source said such speculation was groundless.

A further test of the government's tolerance of dissent will arise before spring when the nation's supreme court reviews lower court verdicts, including two death sentences, against 16 defendants in the case of an arson attack on the U.S. Cultural Center building in Pusan last March.

More than 1,000 Roman Catholic clergymen and leading laymen have signed a petition seeking mercy for the defendants, including a Catholic priest accused of harboring two arsonists. (AP)

Marcos government stifles emerging free press

By David Briscoe

MANILA — The military's closure of the Philippines' major opposition newspaper and pressure against other journalists has stifled a press that was just beginning to emerge from a decade of timidity and control.

Even some of President Ferdinand E. Marcos' strongest supporters in the predominantly English-language media privately criticize the Dec. 7 arrest of 10 staff members and contributors of the triweekly tabloid *We Forum*. "It's a bad mistake. The president is destroying everything he has gained in the two years since martial law was lifted," said one prominent newspaperman who still supports Marcos on other issues.

Media Affairs Minister Gregorio Condana said press freedom is not involved because those arrested were trying to overthrow the government with "black propaganda." He said the action would help "purify the ranks (of Philippine journalism) and make it stronger." *We Forum* Editor Jose Burgos and his co-accused were released under house arrest after eight days in military custody but still face subversion charges that carry a possible death penalty. Their trial resumes Jan. 4.

At the same time, six journalists and three executives of the country's biggest newspaper, *Bulletin Today*, have been called in for military questioning about critical articles.

In Zamboanga city 865 kms south of Manila, Editor Porfirio Doctor of a crusading weekly, the nationalist *Guardian*, was shot to death Dec. 28. Police described the assailant, still at large, as a hired killer. It was the second killing of a Philippine newsmen since martial law was lifted in January 1981.

Issues of *Time* magazine were tied up by a court after a businessman filed a libel suit against the publisher, Time Inc.

A Manila television newscaster, Ninez Olivarez, said she was forced to resign after a government official complained she read the news with a smirk. Ms. Olivarez, who continues a column for *Bulletin Today*, was among those called before a special military panel just before the new year. "It wasn't a dialogue. It was an inquisition," she said.

The incidents add up to the most serious attack against the press since Marcos in 1972 imposed martial law, closed down all print and broadcast media and arrested dozens of journalists. During the eight years of martial rule, major media outlets were run by interests close to Marcos. The major news outlets often carry identical stories supplied by the government. Only a smattering of critical articles appeared during martial law, mostly in provincial newspapers or *We Forum*, which began publishing in 1977 as a weekly with 10,000 circulation.

By the time *We Forum* was closed, it had

increased weekly circulation sixfold. Two other smaller opposition tabloids, *The Guardian* and *The Philippine Times*, have continued after the *Forum*'s closure, but *Guardian* editor Marcelo Soriano said he has been unable to attract advertisers and loses money with every issue.

Two major weekly magazines, *Who* and *Mr. and Ms.*, carry articles on political prisoners, military abuses and even include direct criticism of Marcos. Former Foreign Minister Salvador P. Lopez in a Dec. 28 column in *Mr. and Ms.*, said the president has "a passion for power and privilege... He is chief warden in a police state and seems to enjoy himself immensely." Such criticism did not appear in print during martial law. Some journalists, however, have backed off or been toned down by editors since the *We Forum* arrests.

Bulletin columnist Arlene Babst has not been published since she was interrogated by the military just before Christmas. Her publisher has told her she can tackle any subjects except Marcos, the first lady or the first family. Alex Magno, a normally tough social critic in *Who*, wrote in his Dec. 29 column: "These are indeed difficult times for writers and an abnormally unbearable season for writing." He concluded by reminiscing "a lost season... when I could speak my truth with neither fear nor bitterness."

J. Lapid Sapala of the *Philippines Daily Express*,

quit with his Dec. 28 column, saying, "the hand that gored the ox of journalism feels right in doing so, but those who own the ox, indeed, have a different story to write."

Marcos himself signed the arrest orders against *We Forum* staffers just two months after his visit to the United States, where he extolled press freedom in the Philippines. A Marcos press officer acknowledged shortly after the arrests that *We Forum* articles questioning war medals received by the president were a possible motivation for the crackdown.

War veteran friends of the president have since filed multi-million-dollar libel suits against the newspaper for the medals stories. Marcos critics have differing views on reasons for the press crackdown, ranging from a show of strength in the face of economic and other difficulties to a calculated warning to all journalists against personal criticism of the president. (AP)

PALESTINIANS' FUTURE

Last year was inauspicious, to say the least, for the Arabs in general and the Palestinians in particular, as yet another "Arab country" with the active participation of American arms was brought under partial Israeli occupation leading to a new exodus of the homeless Palestinians. This was followed by a bloodbath in which hundreds of civilians, including elderly people, women and children who stayed back in West Beirut were systematically butchered. The other parts of Lebanon controlled by Syrians and Palestinians can easily be reached by Israeli guns.

The Palestinians were forced by incessant Israeli bombing and willingness to inflict any amount of punishment to leave Lebanon. Thousands of them who left Beirut have been scattered in several Arab countries where they are reported to be homeless, unhappy and frustrated. Their future, like that of the rest of the Palestinian people, hangs in the balance. Those who stayed behind in Lebanon will fare no better since the Lebanese, certainly the Christians, will always treat them as foreigners who have no business to be in their country. They are weaker now and have lost an important military and political base from which they operated against the Israelis and maintained their presence and voice in the world. But they are by no means finished and the region is no nearer peace and stability just because the Palestinians have been compelled to withdraw their fighting forces from Lebanon. The present leadership may be more inclined to await a political settlement of their question as long as the momentum generated by the United States continues in operation.

For the Arabs, 1982 was similar to 1967. In June the Israeli attack knocked off Egypt, Syria and Jordan in six days. In June 1982, a similar blow by Israel hit Lebanon — this time to be blunted by the brave Palestinians and patriotic Lebanese. The Sharon-Haig plan for a quick Palestinian defeat similar to that of the 1967 Arab one did not materialize. World opinion did not deter these criminals from embarking on this blitzkrieg which failed to win a victory for Israel or its mentor, the United States, which constantly stood alone in its veto to end hostilities in Lebanon. The U.S. thus did great damage to the United Nations.

The Reagan Plan was put forth calling for yet more Arab concessions without offering any guarantees. The Arabs unfortunately cannot offer much being militarily and politically the weaker side and it is in the light of this that 1982 becomes as bleak a year as were 1948 and 1967.

Will not the Arab masses be moved by these events and try to see that they are not repeated again?

Saudi Arabian press review

Okaz Friday said it was optimistic that extensive Arab contacts with Washington and better use of European Middle East policy would eventually bring about a change in American policy and lead to a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

It described the coming months as the most crucial and delicate in efforts to settle the Arab-Israeli conflict, particularly, because Washington has shown a willingness in principle to reach a solution on the question of Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) representation in any Middle East negotiations.

Okaz said that at the March meeting the Arab League committee members would review the results of their contacts with major U.N. members and those of the visit to Washington by King Hussein of Jordan, who plays a key role in any negotiations.

Al-Jazirah, commenting on the Organization of Islamic Conference's plans to launch a new peace initiative in the Gulf war, said Iran

Miami blacks feel isolation, deprivation

By Scott Kraft

MIAAMI — Other United States cities have unemployment as great, economies as sluggish and racial tensions as high. But in Miami, there is violence as well.

Many community leaders here sounding a warning heard across riot-torn America in the 1960s, blame the riots in 1980 and the street fighting this week on a perceived abuse of authority toward blacks. Why Miami? Why not Detroit, Newark or other past hotbeds of racial tension?

Officials and psychologists from across the country say Miami, a mixture of Haitians, Cubans, Puerto Ricans, Nicaraguans, whites and blacks, is different. They say its multi-ethnicity, its history of confrontations between police and blacks and its perpetual hot, muggy weather contribute to a situation where frustration bubbles over into random, and sometimes armed, violence.

Marvin Dunn, who wrote a book on the Liberty riots here in 1980, said the black community had been "bombarded with incident after incident" of "very obvious police-abuse-of-power incidents along with accidental shootings of blacks by police." "Other parts of the country may have similar incidents, but not as frequently or as blatantly obvious as in Miami," the psychologist said in an interview Thursday.

The incidents build up, and on Miami's steamy nights, it may take only a brief confrontation to bring people out to the streets. That is apparently what happened Tuesday in Overton, a section of Miami lying in the shadow of the downtown skyscrapers, where two police officers entered a video game arcade and shot a man. They said he was armed and moved suddenly when ordered to freeze.

As word of the incident spread, hundreds of people poured into the streets, throwing rocks and looting stores. One man, who authorities said was a looter, was shot and killed by police. Seven people, including an officer, were injured. The man shot in the arcade, Nevell Johnson Jr., died Wednesday night.

The police, however, denied they treated blacks more harshly than any other group. Every time police receive a complaint of excessive use of force, "We do a thorough, impartial and fair investigation," said Angelo Bittis, spokesman for the Miami police department. "We treat everyone the same."

Earl T. Shinhoster, regional director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Atlanta, said the situation of blacks in Miami was unique. "We'd be hard-put to find a city in this country which matches the kind of isolation and deprivation experienced by blacks in Miami," he said.

One reason, Shinhoster said, is the "tri-ethnic

makeup of Miami," where Latinos and other recent immigrants compete with blacks for service industry jobs traditionally held by blacks. "Racial isolation for years has been endemic to Miami, to a greater degree than anywhere else in the south," he added. Dunn said there was nothing "unique about the racial makeup of black people in Miami, that they would be more inclined to riot than people any other place else."

But the international attention on Miami in 1980, when 18 persons died in rioting spawned by the death of a black insurance executive, showed people "that was a way of getting attention," Dunn said. The executive, Arthur Mc Duffie, was beaten to death by Dade county police officers who said he had resisted arrest.

"Since 1968, we've had 15 major confrontations between officers and blacks. When a community goes through that, and people see that it's relatively easy to overwhelm police forces at least in the initial stages of a riot, that increases the chances of them taking it on again."

Roy Fauntroy, president of the Dade county chapter of the southern Christian Leadership Conference, blamed the disturbances on poorly-trained police officers, "a political system that has oppressed the black community for years and a phenomenal jobless rate." (AP)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Jan. 1, the 1st day of 1983. There are 364 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date.

1531 — Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro is established.

1801 — Act of Union of Britain and Ireland goes into effect.

1877 — England's Queen Victoria is proclaimed empress of India.

1901 — Commonwealth of Australia is proclaimed.

1927 — Nationalist government is established at Hankow in China.

1951 — North Korea and Communist Chinese troops break through U.S. lines at 38th parallel.

1956 — Sudan is proclaimed as independent democratic republic.

1959 — Fidel Castro leads Cuban revolution to victory as dictator Fulgencio Batista flees to Dominica.

1962 — Western Samoa becomes first sovereign independent Polynesian state.

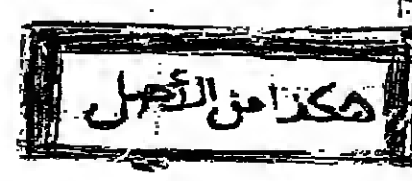
1970 — U.S. Congress passes legislation limiting U.S. military role in Southeast Asia.

1972 — Thousands of refugees return to Bangladesh from India after defeat of Pakistani forces by Indians.

1979 — United States and China establish diplomatic relations after decades of animosity.

1980 — Thousands of demonstrators besiege Soviet embassy in Tehran to protest Soviet move into Afghanistan.

Thought for today:
As you are, so you will have ruled over you — Prophet Muhammad.



PLO's finest hours Israel's night of eternal shame

By A. M. Pakkar Koya
Arab News Staff

All the events of the year that has just passed pale into significance when compared to the savage butchery which converted Sabra and Shatila, two of the Palestinian refugee camps in West Beirut, into a vast theater of death for a full 40 hours beginning with the evening of Sept. 15. Nothing sums up the dominant note on which the year ended than the anguished cry with which the people all over the world reacted to this holocaust.

Over and above everything else, 1982 was the year of the Palestinian holocaust. A year in which the stench of massacres hung over the conscience of the entire world with the exception of two countries — one which carried them out and the other which endorsed and condoned, despite occasional tongue-clucking sounds of disapproval, every step, right from the Israeli drive into Lebanon, which led to the final cataclysm. 1982 was the year in which Jews, who are never tired of reminding others of their sufferings at the hands of Nazis, found themselves at the executing end of a Final Solution — a year in which the so-called "People of the Book" became the "People of Guns and Knives."

And the Zionists' guns and knives did not spare even ailing women and children. In the wreckage of one house in Sabra, visitors and foreign correspondents discovered that an entire family of eight, including a three-year-old child, had been shot to death. Two weeks after the genocide, relief workers found the body of a pregnant woman and her unborn baby buried 100 yards outside the Shatila camp near the sports stadium.

"She was going to have the baby in another month or two," said Isma Yesra Wehbi who identified the body of her sister-in-law. "They slashed her belly with a knife and took the baby out."

They did more horrible things too. They shot some in the head at pointblank range. Others had their throats slit. Middle-aged women and young girls, their arms and legs grotesquely splayed, were draped across piles of rubble. Portions of their heads were blown away. One woman was found clutching an infant to her body; the same bullet that tore through her chest had also killed her baby.

Almost all the bodies of victims were discovered in grotesque shapes. The hands and feet of some refugees were bound before they were shot. Some were gunned down while they were watching television or taking dinner. A group of men were chained to the back of pickup and dragged to a garage.

Miled Farouk, an 11-year-old Palestinian, was brought to the Gaza Hospital with bullet wounds in one arm and one leg and a bloody stump where the finger had been cut off. "I watched my mother, father and three brothers being killed in front of me," he told doctors. At one point when the bodies were being lifted by volunteer civil defense and Red Cross workers, a woman, torn by grief stood over one of the bloated corpses wearing a scarf and a handful of personal letters. "Yi, yi, are you my husband? she screamed. "My God, who will help me? All my sons are gone. My husband is gone. What I am going to do? God-oh, my God!"

The Palestinian refugee camps in West Beirut will still be reverberating with the echoes of her screams and shrieks whenever she recovers from the dazed shock of deaths of near and dear ones enacted too close to her eyes. There are hundreds like her who throughout their lives will be struggling with the problem of how to escape the memory of a genocide they survived after being too close to death in its most brutal form. Like Mrs. Abdul Haddi Ahmad Hashmen, a Palestinian housewife whose home was in the southern corner of the Shatila camp. By 2 p.m. on Thursday (Sept. 15) intense Israeli shellfire was hitting the southern end of Shatila. She, her husband and three children tried to wait out the barrage huddling on the ground floor of their small house. They did not feel secure. So they decided to flee at around 5 p.m. The family made it safe to the main street of Shatila. Just before 6 p.m. Mrs. Hashmen's husband went back to their house to fetch milk powder for the children.

On the road, Mrs. Hashmen and her children waited and waited for the head of the family who will never return. Later he was found shot dead in the house.

Or take the case of two Palestinian youths, Talib al Oukdi, 26, and his brother Fawzi, 22. Following the Israeli shelling on the afternoon of Sept. 15, they had taken shelter at a house half a mile from the southern entrance to Shatila. At about 6.30 p.m., they began to hear the noise of shooting everywhere. But it was not artillery explosions that had come earlier. The Oukdi brothers and some others who had gathered in the house fled to the Gaza Hospital where they spent the night along with hundreds of other terror-stricken Palestinians. Next morning, the two brothers managed to return to their house only to find a pile of 15 dead, mostly their relatives, outside the door.

Some of the people who had taken shelter at the Gaza and Akka hospitals were to meet with a worse fate. Even the patients of the Gaza Hospital had to flee their beds and join the exodus to find shelter farther north. Later the patients from both hospitals told

harrowing tales of summary executions — of men being lined up against walls and gunned. A band of murderers entered Akka Hospital early Friday and shot two Palestinian doctors and a civilian and took three wounded men away. A 19-year-old Palestinian nurse, Intisar Ismail, was raped before she was killed. Four Palestinian doctors and nurses who tried to leave Akka Hospital under a white flag were blown up with a grenade.

Meanwhile, the bloodbath was going in the two refugee camps with Tuesday night witnessing a crescendo in the butchery when the murderers indulged in non-stop shooting and their victims were screaming continuously. Survivors say they saw bulldozers rumble out of Sabra on Friday afternoon, their scoops filled with bodies. Murderers were also knocking down houses in the refugee camps. In some parts of Shatila, those who had survived the horrors of the previous night were crushed as their houses caved in around them.

Some of those who managed to escape the scenes of savagery and were running in a bid to take refuge in downtown West Beirut were to encounter Israeli soldiers on the road. Some 500 of them, who had set out from the area north of Gaza Hospital, were ordered to go back and one of the soldiers lowered his gun on the group. The panic-stricken refugees sent a man forward to talk to the Israelis while others waited in the street. The emissary narrated the brutal killings going on in the camps. The soldier's response was: if you stay here for more than 10 minutes, I will shoot you. As if to leave no one in doubt that Begin's "Fighting Jew" has become the "killing Jew," a tank was rolled around and began moving toward the crowd.

Next morning, the murderers advanced into the heavily populated Sabra camp. Using bulldozers they ordered the Palestinians to assemble in the street. Some complied. Others were forced from their homes at gunpoint. But the hysterical wailing and screaming which would

inevitably follow when a group of unarmed elderly men and women, some with babies and children, find they are going to be slaughtered was too much for their tormentors to stand. They ordered the terrified crowd to clap hands in unison to halt the wailing.

At about the same time, the staff of 22 doctors and nurses of Akka Hospital, mostly European, were rounded up and marched away. As they marched past a band of murderers, a Palestinian male nurse was pulled out of the crowd, taken around a corner and shot. Another male nurse, also identified as a Palestinian met with the same fate. The remaining hospital staff were taken out of the camp and after interrogation turned over to soldiers across the street from Shatila, but not before two Norwegian surgeons were accused of and scolded for belonging to West Germany's "murderous Baader-Meinhoff gang." Soon they were joined by Palestinian civilians rounded up from Sabra camp. As the terrified humanity approached the southern gate of Shatila, the killers segregated them by sex. The Palestinian men were ordered to march past a parked Land-Rover. Sitting inside the vehicle was a man who decided who should be separated from the rest. The selected ones were taken away. Their fate is still unknown. So is the fate of many others reported missing.

Who were the killers? "Goyims," said Begin, "is killing Goyims and they want to hang Jews." He could have added that Jews, known for their deadly efficiency and meticulous planning, could have done a thorough job of wiping out the last Palestinian trace from the face of earth. More over, Begin had one advantage which the Nazi tormentors of Jews lacked: once he had been at the receiving end of a holocaust. As such, the Israeli prime minister could have argued with some force, he could have plugged all avenues of escape by victims.

Here there is an important point which has generally been over-

looked. Entrusting the killing of "Goyims" with "Goyims" was only part of the Jewish cleverness. If "Goyims" can be made to do the evil work of sorrogate killing of Palestinians Jews will still be able to carry the blank check which they think the past sufferings have given them and encash it. Begin could avoid giving any handle to the anti-Semites in Europe. This will also enable him to continue shouting from house-tops that because of the Nazi pogroms and the 6 million Jews dead, "no one will preach to us ethics and respect for human life."

But where Begin and Sharon went wrong was in thinking that "Goyims" even when associated with Jews and trained by them, will behave differently and work with the Jewish thoroughness. As it turned out, Begin's "Goyim" friends made a less than thorough job entrusted with them. That was bad. Worse still, they left enough clues leading to the identity of the real murderers.

On Begin's own admission, his forces moved into West Beirut on the pretext of avoiding mutual killings between "Goyims" and bloodshed in the wake of the assassination of the Lebanese President Bashir Gemayel. If peace keeping was his aim, why did he put his "Goyim" friends in charge of the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps? Even the U.S. media dominated by Jews and "Goyims" loyal to Israel admit that throughout the 40 hours of the carnage, Israeli soldiers equipped with high powered binoculars had perched on top of a seven-story building 250 paces away from the Sabra Shantitown. On the worst night of the killings, they had lit the theater of death with their own flares. Before the killing was over, they had stood by as the "Goyims" dug a 50-square-yard mass grave and dumped the bodies into it, according to the American newspaper accounts, within the direct line of sight of the Israeli observation post.

And nobody who had closely watched Israel's actions and policies even before its illegitimate birth will have any doubt as to who the real murderers in Sabra and Shatila were. It may have taken the U.S. State Department, which perhaps houses the oldest Jewish settlement in the world, 40 years and the West Beirut genocide to come to the conclusion that Israelis are "fallible." But to others, the source of the savage brutality which has always characterized the Jewish state's actions and policies is no secret. The simple truth is that Israel has not yet outlived its Irgun past. Begin's Irgun was the most notorious and dreaded of the Jewish terrorist organizations which were waging a war against Arabs in the pre-1948 Palestine. The only difference is that Irgun has now all the attributes of a sovereign national state and the fourth largest military machine in the world and, of course, the support and blessings of the largest military power.

If 1982 ended with Israel adding the eternal shame of Sabra and Shatila to its battle dishonors, he also saw the stature of Palestinian Liberation Organization soaring higher and higher and its image shining brighter and brighter. Everybody knows that Israel did not dare enter the Muslim sector of the Lebanese capital till the PLO remained on guard there. Here one can do no better than quote from an interview Yasser Arafat gave to Arab News on Oct. 10, 1982:

Had Sharon been able to, as he imagined, he would have entered Beirut on a white horse and taken over the Palestinian command, killing, injuring or capturing everybody. As had been expected, of course, he entered Beirut as a result America's complicity with Sarkis and Bashir. And this is the first time I state "with Sarkis and Bashir," after the departure of the (Palestinian) stalwarts to conduct his butchery with such deceit and treachery. When he found those knights too hard to beat, nobody looked at him.

Had this war not been the longest Arab-Israeli war, ever, nobody would have taken care of anybody else. I am saying it for the first time — and I am an old soldier — an invincible enemy can only be a myth. This myth, thanks be to God, has been wiped out from my brain. How many times have I discussed this issue with my brothers, including my brother Saad Sayel who fell in the field of honor. During the siege (of Beirut), we were seeing their (the Israelis') weak point. The enemy was as weak as never before.

Once, Begin sent me a message with a foreign correspondent: "Tell Yasser Arafat that if we who are surrounding Beirut, not him who is besieging Tel Aviv." Why has he sent such message? Because he knew how we dealt with him. We dealt with him as if we were the stronger, and he the weaker. I was asked more than once and warned that Begin will intrude into our place and capture us. My reply was *Ahlan Wa Sahlan* (Welcome). "If he can get to me he is most welcome. I told him this more than once but he never managed to."

Sorry, but the following point has to be explained to our Arab Umamah. My job, from the position I hold, and yours as a man who struggles in the Arab world, is not only to ask and reply. No. We must also write our history.

Well, Yasser Arafat, we don't expect you to write history. You are born to create it and you have been performing your role admirably well. The defiant stand you and your brave men took in the face of the combined military onslaught of Israel and his ally the U.S. in Lebanon, so long as you remained there, has already become part of the future Arab legend.

After 50 years, New York's Rockettes still kicking

By Harry Dedericks

NEW YORK (AP) — On the stage of Radio City Music Hall, about 5,000 dancers with legs measuring a combined 11.6 kms have performed approximately 1.5 million kicks. After 50 years, the dancers — known as the Rockettes — are still kicking and even though the music hall has changed considerably from its early days, the Rockettes continue to be a major attraction for New York's tourists.

Since it opened in December 1932, Radio City has survived glories and crises, including almost closing down several years ago. Nearly 255 million people have passed through its grand foyer and visitors still line up to see the holiday stage shows, hear top entertainers sing and watch the Rockettes dance.

On its opening night, celebrities like Charlie Chaplin, Clark Gable, Arturo Toscanini, Irving Berlin and John D. Rockefeller were among those who watched the movie *Bitter Tea* and saw Radio City's first stage show.

The 6,000-seat theater in Rockefeller Center was designed to show first-run movies suitable for the entire family and include a stage show with singers, dancers, magicians and organists playing both sides of a 5,000-pipe organ.

In the 47 years that films were shown, 674 movies premiered in the hall. But times changed and now the music hall features singers like Peter Allen and George Benson and hosts rock concerts.

The Rockettes date back to 1925, when Russell Markert founded the group in St. Louis, Missouri, under the name "Missouri Rockets." While appearing in New York, the dancers were spotted by impresario S.L. "Rosy" Rothafel. He renamed the group "Rockettes" and established them at his Roxy Theater. They were invited to dance at Radio City's opening night and never left, with their name changed on 1934 to the Rockettes.

"Approximately 5,000 girls have danced in the group in the last 50 years," says Violet Holmes, who joined the troupe in 1945 and has been director and choreographer since 1973.

A Rockette must be at least 16 years and between 5.5 feet (1.69 meters) and 5.85 feet (1.78 meters) tall. Miss Holmes says she gets about 25 letters and some phone calls every week from aspiring dancers all over the United States who want to join. The waiting list has about 150 names. During an audition, Miss Holmes says, "a girl must perform the 20th kick as perfectly as the first one."

Most of the Rockettes were hired as temporary replacements and were kept on. Carol Harbich, who started that way 20 years ago, is now one of the two "singers" who fill in when a dancer is missing.

Sonja Livingston, at 20 the youngest Rockette, came four years ago to the group. In Alabama, where she was born, she heard from a friend about the Rockettes, she says. At 14 she had her first audition in New York and debuted two years later. "I was scared to death," she remembers. The whole family came from Alabama to see her. "Afterward my sister told everybody, whether they wanted to bear it or not, that I was a Rockette," she said.

Gimmy Housell, who has been with the group 10 years, remembers her finest moment as a Rockette came on the opening day of the spectacular show New York summer 1979, "when the ushers came up to the stage to present us with bouquet of flowers," she remembers.

Just before the show, financial losses nearly forced the closing of the music hall in 1978. Patricia Roberts, vice president of the music hall, said during the 1970s, Radio City lost so much money the management considered closing it. "Part of the reason for this situation was a change within the film industry," said Patricia Roberts, vice president of the music hall. "The traditional family movies were gone and the distribution system was changed." Attendance dropped.

People called and complained after the first reports of a possible closing. "I came here as a child and I want my children to see it," one mother wrote in a letter. "These emotional responses and political support helped the house," Miss Roberts says. After a short closure and complete redecoration, the music hall opened in May 1979 as a center for live shows and other productions.

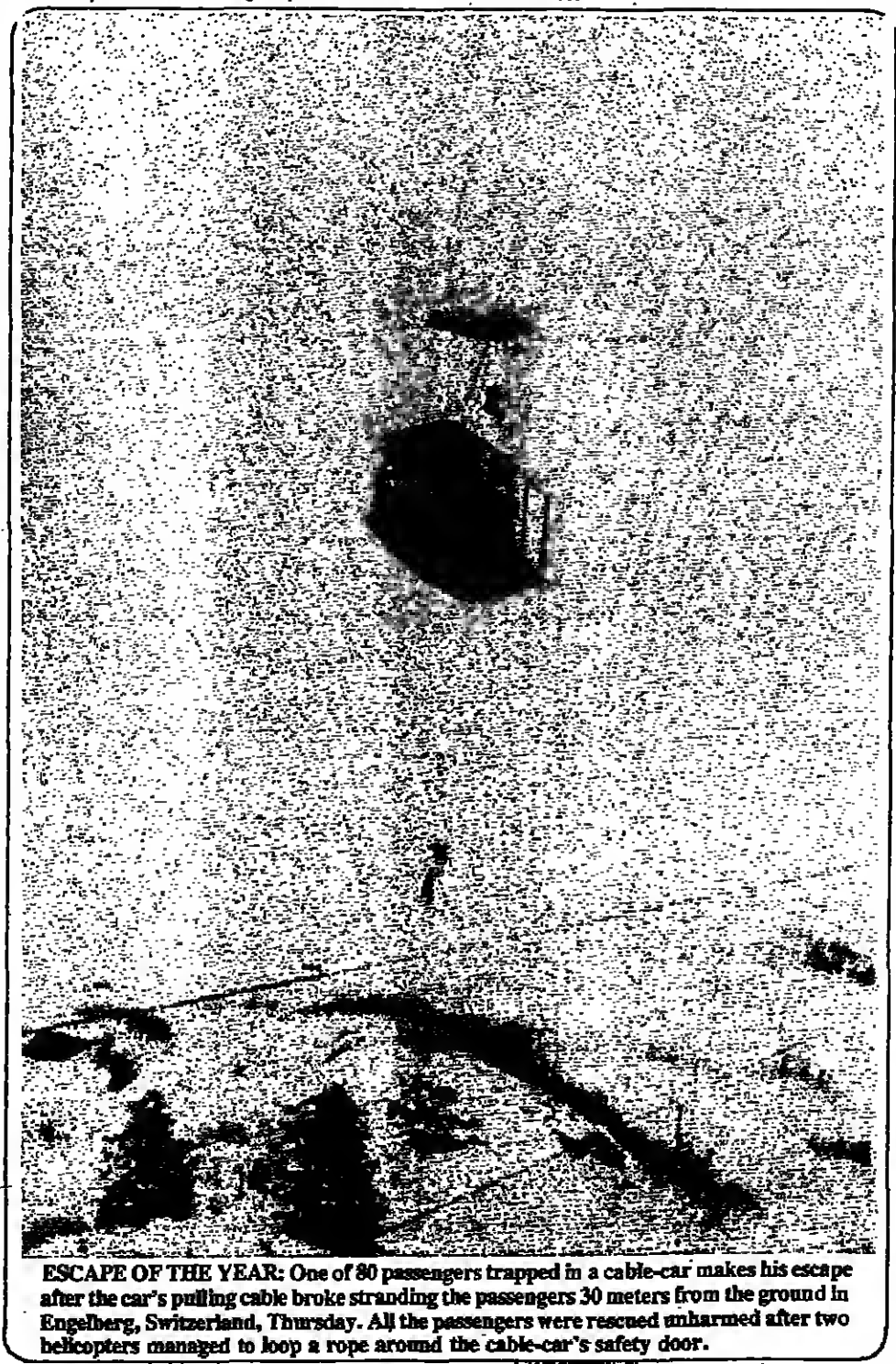
The music hall has stables for animals, such as the camels used in the spectaculars, recording and film studios and a costume shop, where all the costumes are made. Nearly 400 persons work for the music hall. "It's always a challenge," chief electrician Billy Walker says of his job, which he has had for 27 years.

Robert McDonald plays the organ in a church in New Jersey. During the season he travels each day to New York to perform on one side of the giant organ in the music hall. "It is only one organ with two keyboards," he explains. "For that reason it is very important that the two players act very precisely," he admits.

One offshoot of the music hall is the Rockette Alumni Association, which has more

than 300 members and meets once a month. "They are spread all over the country," Miss Holmes said. And sometimes, the next generation performs in the group, like two sis-

ters, whose mother was a Rockette. The music hall, in conjunction with a television station, is producing a film about the Rockettes.



ESCAPE OF THE YEAR: One of 80 passengers trapped in a cable-car makes his escape after the car's pulling cable broke stranding the passengers 30 meters from the ground in Engelberg, Switzerland, Thursday. All the passengers were rescued unharmed after two helicopters managed to loop a rope around the cable-car's safety door.

word watch

By Howard Dana Shaw

DEPARTMENT OF BEMUSEMENTS. A friend and retired editor sends us batches of clippings occasionally that contain errors and examples of bad usage of the part of reporters and editors — and columnists. Here are a few recent examples.

Headline: "Reaganomics Expected to Remain In Tact." (Why two words?) "Church will hold its annual Pancake Day." (Possessive of it is its. It's a contraction for it is.)

"Hailed as an historic reform." (Horrible and no excuse. Use the article *an* only before a word starting with a vowel sound.) "First project outside of the Midwest." (Why the of?)

"The plan is very unique." (A girl is pregnant, or she isn't. Something is unique, or it isn't.)

"Suggests carrying your registration in your wallet. *like* you do your driver's license." (The correct word is *as*, not *like*.)

"Two-story house was gutted and also sustained heavy smoke damage." (Pretty thoroughly damaged. But how?)

"After your gone." (Your is the possessive of you. Should be *you're* which stands for *you are*.)

Editorial in magazine for editors: "The subject is a re-occurring one." (Is there such a word? What's the matter with *recurring* — with two R's?)

On TV: "Eight times cheaper." (Will

somebody please explain!) THESE AND THOSE. Want to avoid being labeled as slightly illiterate?

Then watch out for *these* and *those*. They are plurals. But almost every day you'll hear someone say something like "these kind of cars."

Yes, the word *cars* is plural, and it's correct to say "these cars." But *kind* is singular and doesn't square with *these* which modifies it. Say "this kind" or "these kinds."

A recent newspaper article from Los Angeles spoke of "those kind of campaign tactics." Same comment — say "those tactics" or "those kinds" or better yet, "that kind." If you want to feel at home in educated society, don't try to integrate plurals and singulars.

DON'T LET IT CONFUSE. "A radio announcer pronounced *bona fide* in a funny way," a reader writes. "I always said the word just the way it looks, with the letter I sounding like EYE. What's the right way?"

Well, I've noticed that people pronounce the term in different ways. And so do the dictionaries. The American Heritage Dictionary says BONE-a-FIDE or BONNA-FIDE (as in Fido). Webster's New World lists several pronunciations including BONE-a-FIE-dy.

So you pay your nickel and take your choice, and don't lose any sleep over it. Personally, I lean toward BONE-a-FIDE.

The term of course means "in good faith" or genuine.

TV adverts influencing kids

By Penny Chorlton

LONDON (G) — Young children are unable to tell the difference between commercials and programs when they watch TV and heavy advertising of low nutritional foods increases their demand for products like fizzy drinks, sweets and chocolate bars.

According to an American psychologist Balfour Jeffrey, who addressed the London conference of the British Psychological Society the other day, a study showed that American children watched an average of four hours television a day. By the time they left school at 18 they would have been exposed to more than 350,000 attempts by commercial advertisers to influence their eating habits.

"Children watch television more than any other activity except sleeping and certainly more than the time spent with parents, friends or at school."

Spelling out the health problems, he said that 98 percent of children had dental caries, costing 5 billion pounds a year to treat and 25 percent of children suffered from obesity. In addition 80 percent of overweight children went on to become overweight adults with a host of heart-related problems all of which cost the American health budget 6 billion pounds a year and constituted a major health problem.

Among the American children studied 70 percent of the four-year-olds believed that the commercials were telling them the truth whereas the nine-year-olds were far more critical with only 20 percent accepting the "facts" presented by the identical foods like milk, carrots and fresh fruit had little impact on the children's eating habits, an experiment showed, whereas adverts promoting high-calorie foods were very sophisticated and increased the children's demand.

EEC fishery war imminent

U.K. on alert to keep off Denmark's boats

LONDON, Dec. 31 (AFP) — British fishery protection vessels, the navy and royal air force coastal services Friday went on alert in readiness for any incursion into Scottish waters by Danish fishermen.

This follows the final rejection Thursday by Denmark of a common fisheries policy accepted by the other nine members of the European Economic Community.

Six protection vessels were already patrolling Scottish waters to prevent Danish fishermen from fishing in 12 miles of the coast from midnight Friday night. The Danes are also banned from fishing off the Shetland and Orkney Islands.

Denmark rejected the common policy because it was refused a mackerel quota off the west of Scotland and licenses to fish off the islands.

A control center has been established at the Scottish fisheries ministry in Edinburgh, and the navy and air force can be called in to

U.S. oil output rises slightly

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (R) — U.S. production of crude oil and coal has increased slightly this year despite a decline in energy consumption caused by the recession, according to energy industry projections released.

The independent Petroleum Association of America, an industry group, said domestic crude oil production is expected to grow to 10.2 million barrels a day for 1982, an increase of about 100,000 barrels a day over the previous year.

The increase, although less than one percent, follows a period of nine years in which domestic production remained stable or declined by as much as one million barrels daily.

The reversal has helped reduce U.S. reliance on imported oil. Lloyd Unsell, executive vice president of the association, told Reuters.

Foreign imports have declined by two million barrels daily over the past two years to 4.9 million barrels a day, industry figures show. Unsell said more than 1.2 million barrels of that reduction in imports could be attributed to higher domestic production.

The National Coal Association projected that 1982 domestic production will reach 820 million tons, up from 815 million tons in 1981 when the industry suffered a strike. Overall use of energy has declined this year, according to government figures.

The decline in coal use was less than the decline in use of oil, which costs more than coal, thereby increasing coal's share of the energy market, coal industry spokesman Tony Anthony said.

help the fishery protection vessels if necessary.

Meanwhile, the Republic of Ireland has put the six ships in its navy on alert to keep Danish fishermen out of its waters.

British Fisheries Minister Buchanan Smith warned Thursday that if there was the lightest serious incident, officials would have "the full strength" of the royal navy behind them.

He added: "Denmark does not have a strong navy tradition of fishing in British waters. I hope common sense will prevail."

"It would be very unfortunate if there were any confrontations between British and Danish ships," he continued, adding: "The Danish government are urging their own fishermen to behave properly...if there are any incidents, it will be just provocation by Danish fishermen."

Meanwhile, the executive commission of the EEC in Brussels deplored Denmark's final rejection of a common fisheries policy accepted by the other nine EEC members, community sources said.

The commission is holding to the view adopted at the last meeting of EEC fisheries ministers on Dec. 21 that from Jan. 1 the other nine countries will apply optional measures to conserve fish stocks, the sources said.

West German agriculture minister Josef Ertl was quoted in Bonn as saying Germany will apply the measures approved by the nine despite Denmark's rejection of the package.

U.S. economy outlook bright

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (R) — Most sectors of U.S. industry should enjoy a better year in 1983 than in 1982 but much of the economy will still be operating below peak levels, the Commerce Department said in a report released Friday.

The overall economy should grow moderately in 1983 led by resurgences in the auto, steel and housing industries, according to the report on the industrial outlook. But none of these sectors will return to the peak levels achieved before the recession that began in July, 1981.

Prospects for the key U.S. aerospace and financial services sectors remain clouded, the department also said. The total value of new construction will rise about four percent in 1983 after declining for three consecutive years, but the improvement will be limited to residential building.

Spending on new homes will rise about 20 percent but outlays for new office and factory construction are likely to fall about six percent, the report estimated.

More than 1.3 million new homes will be built in 1983, up from about one million in 1982 but well below the two million built in

Oman trims oil prices by \$2 per barrel

LONDON, Dec. 31 (AFP) — Oman has reduced the price of its oil by \$2 a barrel with effect from Jan. 1, according to reports circulating among oil circles here.

Oman is a small producer and is not a member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), but it is a member of the Gulf Cooperation Council.

The influential review *Middle East Economic Survey* has reported that the council will meet on Jan. 15 to discuss a general oil price cut, probably of \$1.5 a barrel.

However, oil sources noted that Oman has in the past acted independently over oil pricing.

Egypt, which adjusts its prices monthly, earlier this week announced a cut of between 25 and 75 cents a barrel depending on quality, having already reduced its prices last month.

Britain will probably maintain its base price at the current level of \$33.5 a barrel in the first quarter of next year as the British National Oil Corporation proposed to its customers last week.

However, the company is waiting for a reply from several important clients once the new year holiday is over.

Those clients which have so far responded have reacted favorably to maintenance of the existing price structure, albeit with some minor adjustments according to quality. They have also said they might take a different view if OPEC alters its prices significantly in the meantime.

both 1977 and 1978 and the 1.7 million new homes constructed in 1979.

Sales of cars by U.S. makers fell for the fourth consecutive year to 5.7 million in 1982, but the department expects a 19 percent gain to 6.8 million in 1983. This, however, remains well below the 9.3 million cars U.S. companies sold in 1978.

The downturn in car sales, which has pushed unemployment in the industry to about 250,000, is not entirely due to the recession, the report said. Demand for small, fuel-efficient cars has reduced profits per vehicle and foreign imports are continuing to increase their market share.

U.S. car sales are projected to grow another 16 percent by 1987, but sales of imports are expected to rise 42 percent in the same period.

The steel industry could experience a 25 percent rise in shipments in 1983, if the car and home appliance sectors perform as expected, the department said. But that would still leave shipments at only 80 million tons, down 20 percent from 1979 and also below the 87 million tons shipped in 1981.

Wall Street

Marts may find hard to top '82 performance

NEW YORK, Dec. 31 (AP) — The U.S. stock and bond markets will have to go a long way in 1983 to top what they did in 1982.

Many analysts believe a new bull market was born on Wall Street late in the summer of 1982, when stock prices began a historic rally. But almost all agree the market will need more help from the economy than it has received so far to keep going strong.

Starting from a two-year low of 776.92 on Aug. 12, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrials soared almost 40 percent to a record high of 1,065.49 on Nov. 3. The average stood at about 1,020 in mid-December, up from 875.00 at the end of 1981.

Bond prices, which quietly began a rally earlier in the year, also made strong gains as interest rates fell and inflation slowed.

It was also by far the busiest year at the New York Stock Exchange. The exchange had its first 100 million-share day Aug. 18.

Four months later, that mark had been surpassed 25 times. Trading volume for the year exceeded 15 billion shares, far outdistancing the previous high of 11.85 billion set in 1981.

The rest of the U.S. economy, however, continued to struggle under the weight of the recession, and the unemployment rate rose above 10 percent for the first time in more than four decades.

But many observers who keep an eye on the stock market as an economic barometer believed it was portending better times ahead. Robert Linton, chief executive of Drexel Burnham Lambert and chairman of the Securities Industry Association, argued that the market was anticipating "a gradual but noticeable business recovery in the first half of 1983."

Observers also saw some hopeful signs in the pickup of the U.S. housing industry that came with a decline of mortgage interest rates from the neighborhood of 18 percent

in late 1981 to the range of 12 percent to 14 percent a year later.

"The housing market has now solidly turned the corner," said John Connolly, director of research at the brokerage house Shearson-American Express. "The speed of the rebound surprised many, and still has the potential to surprise more. The housing industry has the greatest effect on the economy of all the consumer areas."

In even a modest recovery, many analysts believe the chances are good that corporate earnings will rebound briskly from their current depressed levels. Merrill Lynch, for example, recently projected a 24 percent increase in profits from the fourth quarter of 1982 to the comparable period of 1983 for the companies that make up Standard and Poor's 500-stock composite index.

A strong dollar in foreign exchange, and weak economies in many other countries, acted as a drag on American exports.

Pakistan to get \$88m IFC loan

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 31 (AFP) — Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PPL) signed an \$88 million loan agreement with the International Finance Corporation (IFC), a World Bank affiliate, to augment the country's energy development.

The loan will be provided jointly by the IFC and an international group of banks as part of a \$400 million project.

The first phase of the project, costing \$177 million is for the installation of well-head gas compression facilities at the Sui gas fields in Balochistan, and the maintenance of the pre-seal gas delivery levels to other areas. The loan is the biggest overseas financial support ever given to a private sector Pakistani company.

The Sui gas field, discovered in 1955, produces more than 80 percent of Pakistan's natural gas requirements, and meets about 40 percent of the country's primary energy needs.

Gas production from the Sui field currently saves the country more than \$1 billion in foreign exchange annually.

Israeli staff strike ends

TEL AVIV, Dec. 31 (AP) — More than 400,000 public employees were back on the job Friday after a five-day strike, but efforts to revive El Al, Israel's national airline, were weakened by disagreement on salary payments for the three months the airline has been grounded.

The district court instructed the airline's receiver, Attorney Amram Blum, to start taking bids Sunday on selling the company's assets, starting with its fleet of buses and computer, Israel radio reported.

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Development affected

Quake cripples Sanaa economy

SANAA, Dec. 31 (R) — The economy of North Yemen, one of the world's poorest countries, has been dealt a severe blow by this month's earthquake in the densely populated Dhamar province, according to Prime Minister Abdul Karim Al-Iryani.

Dr. Iryani said the first catastrophe on Dec. 13, which killed over 3,000 people in the province southwest of here and rendered about 400,000 homeless, would have a "disastrous" effect on the economy.

Two more tremors hit the region Thursday, destroying scores of homes. Officials said final casualty figures would be slow to arrive from remote villages. "Hundreds of millions of dollars allocated for development projects will have to be directed to reconstruction and rehabilitation," he said. The officials said the country's second five-year development plan, begun early this year, aimed to achieve overall economic growth of

about seven percent by 1986 compared with six percent under the previous plan.

Officials were unable to say how much the Dec. 13 earthquake which affected up to fifth of the country's land area, would alter projections for its predominant agricultural economy and assessment of the damage would take months to complete.

North Yemen has said it will launch an international appeal for help with reconstruction. Relief supplies have already come from Arab countries, Europe and the United States.

Officials said they hoped the new five-year plan would help to improve living standards for North Yemen's 6.5 million people by raising annual per capita income from the present \$456 to \$532.

Officials of the country's Central Planning Organization (CPO) said 13.6 percent of the

29.3 billion Yemeni riyal (\$6.65 billion) plan had been earmarked for agriculture, the backbone of the economy, with figure sums for industry, education, health, transport and roads.

Only 18 percent of North Yemen's total area of 200,000 square kms is considered arable. Only five percent of that is used to grow cotton, maize, barley, wheat, coffee and other staple and cash crops.

Among the agricultural projects envisaged under the five-year plan are programs to increase arable land, improve crops and build dams, the CPO said.

The mountainous areas of North Yemen, at the southwestern corner of the Arabian peninsula, enjoy abundant though irregular rainfall. But there are no rivers or other drinking water resources.

Be wary of S. Africa, West told

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (R) — Western countries should prepare themselves for any temporary disruption in mineral imports from South Africa in the event of social upheaval there during the next decade, according to a U.S. Senate committee report.

Western industries are highly dependent

on South Africa for chrome, vanadium, manganese and platinum, which are essential for petroleum, aerospace and machine tool industries.

The Reagan administration has linked this dependence to a policy of improved relations with the South African government and to increased wariness of Soviet and Cuban relations with neighboring Southern African countries.

But the Senate Foreign Relations Committee report, obtained Thursday by Reuters, said violent social upheaval within South Africa is more likely than any Soviet-backed military effort to cut off exports of critical minerals.

The longer political change in South Africa is delayed the more disruptive it could be to Western countries, the report said. Washington should say the South African government to move away from apartheid and bring black's into the skilled workforce, it said.

Republican Charles Percy, the chairman of the committee, said in the introduction to the report that South African hardliners should not be encouraged to use U.S. dependence on its minerals to justify social injustice. "Continued pressures must be exerted on South Africa to move away from apartheid," he said.

The report urged consideration of greater U.S. funding of technology training programs for black South Africans.

U.S. steel imports mount by 8.9%

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (AFP) — Steel imports into the United States rose 8.9 percent in November, mainly because of higher imports from the European Economic Community, the American Steel Institute has announced.

The November imports of 1.258 million tons represented 23.8 percent of total domestic consumption, up from 22 percent in October.

Steel imports from the EEC grew 42.3 percent last month to 493,000 tons, much of it ordered at least three months ago — well before Washington's accord with the EEC to limit imports of European steel from Nov. 1.

U.S. steel imports from Japan dropped 12.9 percent in November to 27,900 tons. January-November steel imports were 2.71 million tons smaller than they were over the corresponding period of 1981, the institute said.

Suez Canal revenues up 12.5 percent

CAIRO, Dec. 31 (AP) — Egypt's revenues from the Suez Canal this year totaled \$1 billion, nearly 12.5 percent higher than 1981, canal authority Chairman Mashhour Ahmad Mashhour said Friday.

Last year's revenues were \$890 million, he told reporters. The 1982 income, he said, broke down into \$956 million in ship transit tolls, and \$44 million in various maritime services to transiting vessels.

The 101-mile waterway is one of Egypt's main foreign exchange earners, placing third after oil exports and remittances from Egyptians working abroad.

The canal authority announced last week that it was increasing transit rates by up to 6.5 percent for small cargo ships but was lowering them slightly for oil tankers of more than 20,000 tons effective Jan. 1. Mashhour said Friday the new rates were expected to produce a net increase of about \$30 million in the coming year.

Frenchmen set car buying record

PARIS, Dec. 31 (AFP) — French motorists bought 2,040,000 new cars in 1982, according to latest estimates by the trade. This compares with the previous record of 1.98 million in 1979, and 1.83 million last year.

But foreign models accounted for 30.8 percent of the market against 28.1 percent last year. In the first 11 months more than a third of the foreign cars sold were manufactured in West Germany.

The Renault firm was the top French performer in the first 11 months, with 39.2 percent on the market, followed by Peugeot-Citroen with 5 percent.

Meanwhile, sales of commercial vehicles under five tons rose by 8.7 percent despite the recession, but French output fell by 8.1 percent.

Gold declines

Dollar tastes mixed fortune

LONDON, Dec. 31 (AP) — The U.S. dollar was mixed Friday in light end-of-year trading on Europe's money markets. Gold was lower.

Dealers said investors were nervous about Brazil's financial situation, following reports a day earlier that the nation could go broke March 1, leaving its large debt unpaid.

In Tokyo, where trading ends before Europe's business day gets under way, the dollar rose to a closing 235.30 yen from 233.75 Thursday. In London, the dollar was quoted at 235.00 yen.

Other dollar rates in Europe compared with Thursday: 2.3775 West German marks, up from 2.3735; 1.9950 Swiss francs, down from 1.9955; 6.7350 French francs, up from 6.7225; 2.6225 Dutch guilders, down from 2.6285; 1.3715 Italian lire up from 1.3675; 1.2348 Canadian dollars, unchanged.

In London, the British pound was quoted at \$1.6150 compared with 1.6210 Thursday.

London's five bullion dealers fixed an indicative price of \$448.00 a troy ounce for gold, compared with 453.50 Thursday. In Zurich, the precious metal was quoted

at a medium 450.75 an ounce, compared with 460.00 the day before.

In Hong Kong, gold fell 3.94 to close at 452.42. Silver bullion was traded in London at \$11.00 a troy ounce, compared with \$11.08 Thursday.

In the final trading of the year on the New York commodity exchange, bullion for current delivery dropped \$12 to wind up 1982 at \$449.90 a troy ounce. That was up from the 1981 close of \$399.20 and well above the three-year low of \$298 reached on June 22. Bullion's 1982 high in New York was \$486 an ounce, reached at the close of comex trading Sept. 8, gold reached an all-time high of \$875 a troy ounce during trading Jan. 21, 1980.

Slowing inflation and high interest rates led to gold's selloff in the first half of the year. But as international banking crisis rose and interest rates fell in the second half of the year, gold regained some of its luster in the eyes of investors.

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BRIEFS

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — The prices of raw materials and basic products fell overall by nine percent in the first 11 months of 1982 following a fall of 19.63 percent in 1981, the International Monetary Fund has reported here. The fall reflects the recession and surplus production in some sectors of agriculture, and has added to the financial problems of Third World countries, the fund said.

THE HAGUE, (R) — The Dutch seasonally adjusted index of industrial orders in hand fell two percent to 96, base September 1982, in November from an upward revised 98 in October, the central statistics office said. No comparable 1981 figures are available. The office said its latest survey of industry showed industrial activity declined in November and a further decline is expected for the next three months.

BONN, (AFP) — The average number of

people unemployed in West Germany in 1982 was 1.8 million, an increase of 43 percent on the 1981 figure, the federal statistical office reported. The number of people in work fell by 1.9 percent to 25.6 million.

FRANKFURT, (R) — West German net currency reserves rose 1.4 billion marks in the third December week to 71.0 billion, after a one billion mark rise in the previous week, the Bundesbank said. Non-currency reserves fell about 200 million marks to 2.4 billion marks, bringing net monetary reserves to about 73.4 billion.

BANGKOK, (R) — A Thailand's gross domestic product (GDP) will grow by 5.4 percent in calendar 1983, up from only 4.5 percent growth this year due to a severe economic downturn, national economic and social development board Secretary-General Snoh Unakul said.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday

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Bangladesh Taka		14.30
Belgian Franc (1,000)		74.00
Canadian Dollar		278.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	145.75	145.55
Dutch Guilder (100)	131.50	131.30
Egyptian Pound	3.20	3.17
Emirati Dirham (100)	93.25	93.70
French Franc (100)	51.40	51.40
Greek Drachma (1,000)		49.52
Indian Rupee (100)		35.68
Iranian Rial (100)	6.25	25.30
Italian Lira (10,000)	25.40	14.85
Japanese Yen (1,000)	9.80	9.78
Jordanian Dinar	11.95	11.92
Kuwaiti Dinar	90.50	90.25
Lebanese Lira (100)	56.00	54.55
Moroccan Dirham (100)	28.10	26.72
Pakistan Rupee (100)		38.10
Philippine Peso (100)	5.61	5.595
Pound Sterling	93.50	94.56
Qatari Riyal (100)		163.00
Singapore Dollar (100)	28.00	27.55
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	173.10	172.90
Sri Lankan Rupee (100)	60.80	61.00
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH.DHUL HIJJA 1402 H (17 TH.OCTOBER 1982)

30,225,133	CAPITAL RESERVES	30,225,133
32,774,867	Statutory Reserve	32,774,867
1,859,027,254	Other Revenue Reserves	2,259,027,254
46,095,605	Surplus on revaluation of properties	46,095,605
31,877,141	Surplus on revaluation of Investments	31,877,141
1,969,774,867		2,369,774,867
2,000,000,000	Total Capital and Reserves	2,400,000,000
	DEPOSITS	
23,318,475,808	1 Customers' deposits (Note: Cover total current, time and saving deposits)	36,655,425,686
895,741,145	2 Deposits from Banks	1,808,552,073
5,527,121,854	a) In Saudi Arabia	3,913,405,495
	b) Abroad	
2,953,910,932	3 Sundry Deposits: (Note: Include margins for letters of credit, guarantees, drafts and other transfers)	2,991,380,960
32,695,249,739		45,368,764,214
	BORROWINGS	
	1 From Banks	
	a) In Saudi Arabia	
	b) Abroad	
	2 From Others	
796,534	PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT	
149,344,621	Balance brought forward from last year	141,155
150,141,155	Add: Net Profit for the year 1402 after transfer to Reserve	177,120,835
		177,261,990
	OTHER LIABILITIES	
138,588,028	1 Acceptances outstanding on behalf of customers	179,381,051
6,580,951,308	2 Other liabilities	3,012,026,533
6,719,539,336		3,191,407,584
41,564,930,230	Sub-Total	51,137,433,788
	CONTRA ACCOUNTS	
19,794,592,454	Guarantees, letters of credit and other obligations	30,479,210,048
61,359,522,684	Grand-Total	81,616,643,836

3,133,678,186	CASH FUNDS	2,508,685,750
1,370,641,215	1 Cash in hand	3,097,138,163
2,887,826,816	2 Statutory deposits with Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency	3,328,064,613
7,392,146,217	3 Other deposits with Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency	8,933,888,526
162,676,914	DEPOSITS WITH BANKS	1,067,450,727
15,494,190,912	1 In Saudi Arabia	18,070,717,069
15,656,867,826	2 Abroad	19,138,167,796
	INVESTMENTS:	
	(Not exceeding lowest of cost or market value)	
260,066,381	1 Shares and securities of establishments:	263,956,380
752,864,126	a) In Saudi Arabia	767,498,470
	b) Abroad	
1,012,930,507	2 Other investments	1,031,454,850
	LOANS AND ADVANCES ... etc.	
	(Less provision for bad and doubtful debts)	
14,864,794,032	1 To:	17,881,683,283
935,194,749	a) Private sector	636,162,766
72,306,109	b) Banks	1,016,111,503
271,839,924	c) Others	249,054,151
16,144,134,814	2 Bills purchased and discounted	19,783,011,703
	FIXED ASSETS:	
550,606,205	1 Bank premises and other real estate (at cost or revaluation)	1,024,695,727
65,939,681	2 Furniture, fixtures and equipment (less depreciation)	112,433,763
616,545,886		1,137,129,490
138,588,028	OTHER ASSETS	
603,716,952	1 Customers' liabilities for outstanding acceptances	179,381,051
742,304,980	2 Other assets	934,400,372
41,564,930,230	Sub-Total	1,113,781,423
	CONTRA ACCOUNTS	
	Customers' liabilities under guarantees, letters of credit and other obligations	51,137,433,788
19,794,592,454		30,479,210,048
61,359,522,684	Grand-Total	81,616,643,836

SALEM AHMED BIN MAHFOUZ, GENERAL MANAGER

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and the annexed Profit and Loss Account with the books and documents relating thereto of the Head Office and Branches of The National Commercial Bank (Partnership Company) visited by us, and with returns submitted by the Managers of the other Branches, and certify to be in accordance therewith.

We have obtained the information and explanations which we considered necessary for the purpose of our audit.

In our opinion, the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account represent fairly the financial position of The National Commercial Bank at 30 Dhul Hijjah 1402 (17th October 1982) and the profit of the year ended on that date in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and as shown by the books.

JEDDAH: 10th Rabi Awal 1403
25th December 1982

ISMAIL A. EL HABBAK (15)
ACCOUNTANT & AUDITOR

ISSA EL AYOUTY & CO., (36)
ACCOUNTANTS & AUDITORS

PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 30TH.DHUL HIJJA 1402 H (17 TH.OCTOBER 1982)

412,029,875	Salaries and other Staff expenses	499,262,327
2,117,790,651	Directors' Fees, Remunerations ... etc.	2,694,545,560
	Service Charges	
17,551,498	Provisions for depreciation ... etc.	
72,000,000	a) Depreciation on buildings, furniture etc.	30,190,374
89,551,498	b) Other provisions	220,000,000
117,963,171		250,190,374
	Other expenses	207,996,818
	Donations	68,959,779
24,264,856	a) Donation for PLO and Afghan Mujahidin	
571,371,875	b) Donation for others	30,000,000
	NET PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	38,959,779
	Of which:	577,120,835
	a) Transfer to Reserve	400,000,000
	b) Balance carried to Balance Sheet	177,120,835
3,332,971,926		4,298,075,693

3,300,868,677	Net income from foreign exchange transactions and other services	4,185,209,075
32,103,249	Net Income from investments and real estate	112,866,618
3,332,971,926	TOTAL INCOME	4,298,075,693
3,332,971,926		4,298,075,693

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As Thompson records season-high

Tenacious Blazers upset Kings

NEW YORK, Dec. 31 (AP) — They came to praise Cotton Fitzsimmons, not to bury him. But, on Thursday night, Portland Trail Blazers coach Jack Ramsay accomplished both.

The Blazers, behind the expert play of Mychal Thompson and some crucial reserve work by Peter Verhoeven, scored a 113-107 victory over the Kings at Kansas City. "We beat a very good team tonight," Ramsay said. "I liked our intensity and our tenacity. What Kansas City has done is not a great deal short of amazing. It's a tribute to Cotton's coaching ability."

Kansas City, leading the National Basketball Association's Midwest Division, lost for only the 10th time in 27 games.

In other league games, New York defeated Cleveland 94-89; San Antonio edged Chicago 105-102; San Diego beat Houston 108-93; Boston outlasted Denver 145-132; Indiana edged Utah 115-114; Phoenix was edged by Detroit 115-98; Milwaukee beat Dallas 111-99 and Los Angeles defeated Seattle 137-117.

Portland came ready to play, but I knew they would," Fitzsimmons said.

Thompson scored a season-high 26 points, grabbed 15 rebounds and passed off for nine assists to lead the Blazers to a 101-101 tie with the 12-4 Spurs without their four minutes to play. Verhoeven added 16 points in just 19 minutes' play. Center Steve Johnson led the Kings with 21 points in a reserve role.

Kings' 94, Cavaliers' 89, Bernard King scored 27 points and led New York to its 16th consecutive victory over the Cavaliers. King now has led New York in scoring 13 straight

times. Paul Westphal added 10 points for the Kings, all in the final quarter, to help New York turn back a late burst by the Cavaliers. Leading 74-70, the Knicks ran off 10 straight points midway through the fourth quarter — five by Westphal — to put the game away.

Spurs 105, Bulls 102: Artis Gilmore hit two free throws and Mike Mitchell added another foul shot in the final two minutes to lift San Antonio over Chicago, which lost its fourth straight. The Bulls tied their final five shots. Chicago tied the score 102-102 with 2:28 to play on a layup by Reggie Theus.

Reserve Johnny Moore scored 22 points for San Antonio, and Roger Phegley added 18. Theis topped Chicago with 27 points, and Dave Corzine added 17 before being ejected midway through the fourth quarter.

Clippers 108, Rockets 93: Randy Smith scored 23 points to lead San Diego to only its sixth victory in 31 games. Smith's basket with 1:26 left in the third quarter gave the Clippers the lead for good.

The victory was only the second on the road this season for San Diego. Bill Walton scored 15 points for the Clippers. Allen Leavell led Houston with 17 points.

Celtics 145, Nuggets 132: Cedric Maxwell scored 27 points, and Boston scored 85 points in the first half in route to ending Denver's three-game winning streak.

The Nuggets trailed by only seven, 117-110, going into the fourth quarter, but two minutes later, Boston led 125-112 and never looked back. Kiki Vandeweghe led the Nuggets with a season-high 40 points.

Pacers 115, Jazz 114: Herb Williams hit a 25-foot jumper at the buzzer to lift Indiana

over Utah. Trailing 114-113 with five seconds left, Indiana called timeout. The Pacers inbounded the ball at midcourt, and Williams threw up an uncontested shot to win the game.

Williams led the club with 31 points, while Utah's Darrell Griffith led all scorers with 36, including three three-pointers.

Suns 116, Pistons 98: Alvan Adams scored 23 points, and Phoenix scored 12 straight points late in the game to knock off Detroit. The Pistons trailed by just two points, 87-85, with 7:30 to play when the Suns got hot. Adams, Maurice Lucas and Larry Nance each had four points in the run. Nance scored 19 points, while John Long had 26 Detroit, which lost its fourth straight.

Rocks 111, Mavericks 99: Marques Johnson scored 32 points and Sidney Moncrief added 19 to pace Milwaukee over Dallas. Jay Vincent led the Mavericks with 19 points, while Mark Aguirre — having a bad night guarding Johnson — had just 12 points, 10 below his average.

Milwaukee led by 89-67 with 1:16 left in the third quarter, during which Johnson scored 12 of his points.

Lakers 137, Seals 117: Magic Johnson had 16 assists, and Norm Nixon scored 24 points to help power Los Angeles over Seattle, padding the Lakers' cushion over the SuperSonics to 1 1/2 games in the Pacific Division.

The Sonics got within eight points twice in the third quarter but trailed by 21, 107-86, as the final period began. Bob McAdoo added 22 points for the Lakers, while Sonics backup center James Donaldson, subbing for the injured Jack Sikma, had 26.



Miandad ... another fine ton

Score-board	
Pakistan:	
Mohsin Khan c and b Kapil Dev	0
Mudassar Nazir c and b Shastri	24
Zaheer Abbas c Srinani b Amarnath	105
Javed Miandad not out	119
Wasim Raja not out	1
Extras:	3
Total (for three wickets — 33 overs)	252
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-70, 228	
Bowling: Kapil Dev 7-0-73-1; Madan Lal 7-0-35-0; Halwinder 7-0-52-0; Shastri 7-0-39-1; Amarnath 5-0-50-1.	
India:	
S. Gavaskar c Mansoor Akhtar b Naqash	69
K. Srikant c Zaheer b Meheob	39
S. Paul c Wasim Raja b Mudassar	51
Kapil Dev b Mudassar	8
Yashpal Sharma not out	5
M. Amarnath not out	21
Extras	0
Total (for four wickets — 27 overs)	193
Fall of wickets: 1-57, 2-172, 3-185, 4-192	
Bowling: Imran Khan 5-2-23-0; T. Naqash 6-0-32-1; S. Meheob 7-0-55-1; Ejaz Fakih 7-0-39-0; Mudassar Nazir 2-0-23-2.	

India bags One-Day tie on better scoring rate

LAHORE, Pakistan, Dec. 31 (Agencies) — India won the third One-Day International Cricket match against Pakistan on better scoring average after play was called off due to bad light here Friday.

India scored 193 runs in 27 overs, whereas Pakistan had scored only 174 in 27 overs. Earlier Pakistan aggregated 252 runs at the expense of three wickets in the allotted 33 overs to set the tourists an uphill task of averaging 7.3 runs an over.

This mammoth Pakistan total was mainly due to Zaheer Abbas and Javed Miandad, who both scored centuries. At the end of the Pakistan innings Miandad remained unbeaten with 119 while Zaheer Abbas was caught by Krishna Srinani off the bowling of Mohinder Amarnath for a well-made 105 runs.

The match was delayed by 45 minutes due to overnight rains which had left the pitch wet. But on winning the toss Pakistan skipper Imran Khan elected to bat. Imran wanted to reap the harvest of the heavy air which could knock out the sting of the Indian pace attack.

His gamble paid off as none of the Indian pacers proved effective. Kapil Dev, India's best-known paceman proved pretty costly, giving away 73 runs for just a wicket in seven overs while Mohinder Amarnath grabbed one wicket in five overs at the expense of 50 runs. But spinner Ravi Shastri was quite impressive bagging one wicket conceding just 30 runs in seven overs.

Pakistan began on a disastrous note losing opener Mohsin Khan, who was caught and bowled by Kapil Dev, with just a run on

board. He fell at the very second ball of the day. But then Mudassar and Zaheer took the score to 70 before Mudassar made way for Miandad, being caught and bowled by Shastri at the individual score of 24.

However, Miandad and Zaheer came together and were soon seen in good light as they stroked the ball splendidly all-round the wicket to put on 158 runs for the third-wicket and boost the Pakistan total.

Despite the high target staring at them, the Indians accepted the challenge and planned their innings in a superb manner to reach 193 runs for the loss of four wickets in 27 overs. Skipper Sunil Gavaskar and Sandip Patil each scored half centuries before play was called off due to bad light.

Injury-hit England all set for battle

SYDNEY, Dec. 31 (AP) — Australia's fickle Sydney weather, hold the hand as a battered and bruised England prepare to fight the final round in the struggle to hold the Ashes.

England face an uphill battle to square the series in the fifth and final Test beginning the SCG on Sunday after snatching a 10-run victory in the fourth Test at the MCG Thursday.

Rain is expected in Sydney before the start with Australia leading 2-1 in the century series and needing only a draw to regain the Ashes lost by Greg Chappell to Mike Brearley in 1977.

The England batting trio of Derek Randall, Graeme Fowler and Geoff Cook are on the casualty list and the recently arrived 34-year-old Hampshire replacement Trevor Jesty is on standby.

Randall has a cracked bone at the base of his nose. Fowler has small fractures in the base of his right foot and Cook sore ribs. "The win in Melbourne was a great tonic for me," said Randall at the SCG nets Friday.

U.S. makes formal bid to host '86 World Cup

NEW YORK, Dec. 31 (R) — The United States Soccer Federation has made a formal bid to host the 1986 World Cup Soccer finals.

The decision was made at a preliminary meeting here of an ad-hoc committee set up by U.S. Soccer Federation President Gene Edwards. "Considering all the resources needed to successfully stage the event, we feel the United States has to be a very healthy candidate," Edwards said. "The United States Soccer Federation is prepared to present what we feel is a very strong case on this country's behalf."

Earlier this month, the International Football Federation (FIFA) announced that the 1986 World Cup venue — The United States, Canada, Brazil and Mexico have become candidates following the withdrawal of Colombia — will be decided at a meeting in Stockholm on May 19. The four nations have until Jan. 10 to notify FIFA of their intent and until March 10 to make formal presentations.

Nehemiah barred

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, Dec. 31 (R) — The United States Athletics Congress (U.S.A.C.) said Thursday they have now received formal notice from the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) that Renato Nehemiah, holder of the 110 meters hurdles world record, is barred from domestic track meetings.

"U.S.A.C. cannot reinstate an athlete for domestic purposes only, as IAAF rules on eligibility apply to all athletes and all competition," the message said.

The IAAF declared Nehemiah ineligible for amateur track events after he signed a contract with National Football League side San Francisco 49ers earlier this year.

Rangers strike

NEW YORK, Dec. 31 (AP) — Sweden's Anders Hedberg scored two goals and had an assist to lead the New York Rangers to a 5-2 victory over the New Jersey Devils in the National Hockey League Thursday night.

In another match, Chris Valentine, in his first game this season scored a disputed goal at the 7:41 mark of the third period giving the Washington Capitals a 4-4 tie with Hartford.

Top Ten proves to be the top ten

By Nalce Nedni-Apache

JEDDAH, Dec. 31 — The conglomeration of players making up the Top Ten team ended Bracket II play of the Two Pitch Holiday Softball Tournament with three wins against no losses. This hastily formed, last-minute team, assembled and coached by Jim Heart, were impressive in their treatment of the other members of Bracket II.

The first night of play witnessed Sogex on the receiving end of a 25-10 drubbing at the hands of the Top Ten. Coach Bippin Patel should have known this day was not going to be especially enlightening when it started off by him reaching over to turn off his alarm clock and getting bitten by some angry teeth in a glass. So it continued.

Sogex played the best game and managed one weak run against K.A.I.A. scored by K.A.I.A. even with the help of pitching star R. Frisbie.

The Top Ten returned for the 8:45 game and jumped on K.A.I.A.'s case 17-6. The evening saw excellent offense by the Top Ten led by Steve Sovar's four home runs in two games and five total in the three-game series. Coach Jim Heart contributed two of his own.

The hitting of the Top Ten was truly awesome to watch as balls were bounced off the fences and walls all night by sluggers such as Joe Scheibler, Ken Terigan, Corky Muller, Don Rives, Mike Sidenfaden, Dan McCaffery, and Les Williams. The opponents' defense were kept in a position where the only thing that might have helped them would have been multiple monkey gland transplants.

The Top Ten defense, equally outstanding, and up to the task at hand having never played together before, were confronted with problems that ranged from small to "son of Jumbo" in size. They were led in their efforts by big Fred Casey, S. "Sure Hands" Lewis, L. Maderis, Jerry Wolcott, Joe "Catch Anything" Marott, Glenn & David Groom and D. "Fast-of-Foot" Vincent. Pitching chores were shared by Jim Heart and the singular pitching star of a season or two ago — Randy Vincent.

The Sogex team, while contending with more problems than the legal limit, were playing with a number of cricketer stars of British persuasion only recently introduced to the American game of softball. Their efforts are to be applauded, not necessarily imitated, but applauded. They are Graham Miller, John Atkinson, Colin Stevens, Peter Lawton, and Ivan "Not Too Terrible" Pierce. They really do play good ball as seen by their regular season "B" league record.



HOME RUN HITTERS: Top Ten coach Jim Heart is seen hitting one of his home runs while on the right Les Williams congratulates Steve Sovar after slamming one of his five home runs during the Two Pitch Softball tournament Tuesday.

The next night saw things get off to a better start for Sogex when they jumped on ICAO, 14-4. Up to now their tournament consisted of a lot of effort hoping to hit the small time. They began to worry when several spectators from Whittaker volunteered to give the team "heart" massage. However, a shining example of effort is the always trying attitude of fellow Oklahoman, Sogex left fielder, Jim Williams. Their moon was now rising after this one win.

ICAO, in the meantime, was now determined to throw the Bracket II contest into a tie by downing the yet to be defeated Top Ten team in the 7:45 game. They tried everything, legal and questionable, and very nearly succeeded as they lost by a score of 6-2. However, it was mentioned to the ICAO leader of the evening, Frank "Last Tango in Paris" Purifoy, who was taking over in the temporary absence of hall-of-famer, Joe Strange: that ICAO is obligated to let their entire line-up take a turn at bat as the rules clearly require. It was discovered, and subsequently pointed out to them, that they had failed to allow anyone beyond their No. 5 hitter (out of ten) take a turn at the plate for several innings.

Their actions were clearly observed and pointed out to them by Top Ten inspirational leader, D. Vincent. And, as if that were not enough, out of sheer desperation they brought in two "ringers" who turned out to

be two "ringers" in the form of choir boys. John & Rob Church. These two ex-navy superstars seemed to be afflicted with anchortitis on this particular evening however. (If they survive Bracket III play, they will meet the Top Ten again in the finals.)

Although inspired by the play of Jimmy McKenna and the promise of marshmallow chickies should they win by the ever moving Paul LeBuff, they still went down to defeat. In all fairness it should be noted that after the game gentleman John Church did admit and apologize to the inadvertent batting line-up oversight. Or at least that is what some of the Top Ten team members thought he was trying to say between screams.

In the final game of the evening, to decide nothing, ICAO lost to K.A.I.A. 6-5, leaving ICAO winless in the tournament, even with imported talent. Sogex won one, lost two. K.A.I.A. won two and lost one. Top Ten took top cookies with a 3-0 record. (Rumor now has it the Top Ten team may assemble permanently next year to take on the "A" Division of the regular Softball League.)

The Two Pitch final will place Lockheed up against Top Ten at 6:45 p.m. on the evening of Jan. 4. The 7:45 game will see the Top Ten take on the Bracket III winner which will be decided on Jan. 2 and 3. The final game at 8:45 will place Lockheed against the Bracket III winners. All games will be played under the lights at Raytheon.

Cash continues giant-killing effort to make quarterfinals

MELBOURNE, Dec. 31 (AP) — Wimbledon and United States Open junior champion Pat Cash continued to steamroll his opposition to reach the quarterfinals of the \$75,000 Victorian Tennis Open at Kooyong here Friday.

Cash, the 17-year-old fourth seed, defeated former English Davis Cup Player John Lloyd 4-6, 6-1, 6-1.

Over the past month Cash has reached the semifinals of the Melbourne Indoor and South Australian Open titles, the quarterfinals of the Australian Open and the quarterfinals of the Victorian Championships.

During that brief time his world computer ranking has skyrocketed from 115 to 67.

Lloyd began the match with a burst of confidence but after the opening set his serve and returns deserted him. Cash said later: "In the first set he didn't do a thing wrong, but I think after that he got a bit tired."

"It was so hot out there it was unbeliev-

able, it must have been about 40 degrees. In the last two sets he missed some volleys and didn't return that well."

Lloyd, who is trying to restructure his game and is attempting to make the English Davis Cup squad to play Australia in Adelaide next March, said he had lost concentration during the match.

"I got a little bit mentally tired and lethargic, maybe it was that heat," he said. "I made some schoolboy errors, and I lost my concentration. My serve got shorter and he started getting confidence as I lost my sharpness."

"It's a big improvement from five months ago, but I still have a long way to go," Lloyd said. "I'm still not returning anywhere near as well as I can and I haven't really been smacking the backhand the way I should."

In other matches, John Bonniak (U.S.) beat Peter Doolan 6-3, 7-6 and Mike Gandolfo (U.S.) beat Chris Johnstone 6-7, 7-5, 6-4.

Clampett snatches advantage

PEBBLE BEACH, California, Dec. 31 (AP) — Bobby Clampett fired a 5-under-par 67 before a hometown gallery to take the second-round lead and Craig Stadler moved into contention with a 66 Thursday in the \$150,000 Spalding Invitational Golf Tournament.

The 22-year-old Clampett, a native of the Monterey Peninsula, had a 36-hole total of 136 and a 2-stroke lead in the non-tour event which he won three years ago while still an amateur.

Clampett held a 2-stroke lead over Rex Caldwell and Mike Brannan, two other tour regulars. Stadler passed more than 20 players with his 66, best round of the day, on the Old.

Fischer may return

BELGRADE, Dec. 31 (APF) — Former world champion Bobby Fischer will make a comeback to international chess in 1983. Yugoslav grand master Ljubomir Ljubojevic claimed here this week. The unpredictable Fischer, who won his title when he defeated Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union in Reykjavik in 1972, has played no international tournament chess since.

He refused to defend his crown against current Soviet champion Anatoly Karpov in 1976 because of a dispute over International Chess Federation (FIDE) rules governing the championship.

Del Monte course. "I didn't play all that much better than Wednesday, to tell the truth, I was happy with the 73. I'd been sitting in the snow for three weeks before this tournament," said Stadler.

Clampett also played Old Del Monte, where he had seven birdies and two bogys. Stadler, Clampett and Brannan all were scheduled to play Pebble Beach, by far the toughest course being used in the tournament, in the third round.

"Theoretically, I'm the leader in the tournament. I've already played Pebble," Caldwell said after posting a 69 Thursday on the par-71 Carmel Valley Country Club course. He will be on Old Del Monte, 600 yards shorter than Pebble Beach, on Friday.

Stadler, golf's leading money winner in 1982, moved into fourth place, at 139. At 140 were young pro Keith Clearwater, former Spalding champ Mark Pfeil and defending champ Jay Haas. A group at 141 included Lon Hinkle, Danny Edwards, Peter Oosterhuis of Britain, and women's pro Janet CNes.

There are five women competing, with distance breaks off the tees, against the men. Patty Sheehan was the first-round leader, with a 66, but was bothered by an upset stomach Thursday and fell back with a 78 at Old Del Monte.

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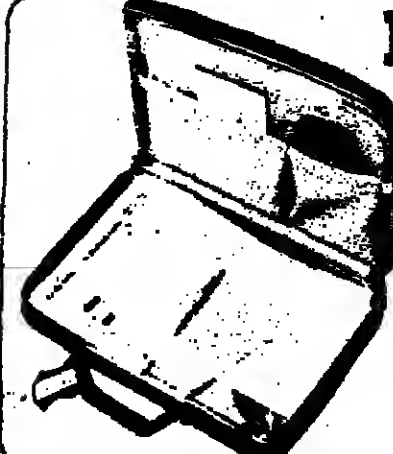
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Official sees Walesa as possible partner

WARSAW, Dec. 31 (AP) — A senior Polish official, speaking hours before the suspension of martial law at midnight Thursday, was quoted by the BBC monitor in London as saying that Solidarity trade union leader Lech Walesa "is doing everything in his power for us to treat him as a partner."

The remark by Vice Premier Mieczyslaw Rakowski suggested that some government officials may be ready to come to terms with Walesa, who has set tough conditions on cooperating with the government. Walesa, released from an 11-month martial law imprisonment on Nov. 11, has said he is willing to cooperate, but only if the government grants amnesty to union activists jailed or fired for political reasons, and if the authorities "return to the principle of pluralism" under which Solidarity operated.

Martial law leader Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski has not responded publicly to two letters Walesa sent him presenting his conditions and suggesting they meet to discuss ways of solving Poland's pressing economic and labor problems. Rakowski's remark on Walesa was not in the official text of his speech reported by the Polish news agency AP and reprinted in most newspapers Friday.

Chariots of Fire director honored

LONDON, Dec. 3 (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II bestowed New Year's honors Friday on the director of the Oscar-winning film *Chariots of Fire*, key figures in the Falklands conflict and finally to Olympic Decathlon champion Daley Thompson. The queen, acting on recommendations from Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, also honored a Russian-born veterinarian and 86-year-old actor Jack Howarth who has played a cantankerous old codger on Britain's longest-running soap opera, *Coronation Street*, for 22 years.

Mrs. Thatcher again resisted pressure from within her Conservative Party to reinstitute hereditary peerages, which were dropped by former Labor Prime Minister Sir Harold Wilson in 1964. Some senior Conservatives wanted the prime minister to bring them back to award exceptional service to the country, but Mrs. Thatcher created only four life peerages among the 677 honors. Political observers said it now seemed unlikely hereditary peerages would ever reappear.

A top Rakowski aide, contacted by telephone in Warsaw, would neither confirm nor deny the comments attributed to him by the British Broadcasting Corp., usually a reliable monitor of Polish language radio and television broadcasts.

Officials at Warsaw radio, which BBC said broadcast a tape recording of Rakowski's speech, said they could not give the Associated Press access to the tape or a full text Friday. In other portions of Rakowski's speech, as reported by PAP, he warned that "an all-out struggle is being waged for the shape of the nation's policy, for the preservation of the socialist contents of our system, and it will go on for the next several years."

In his address, made before Jaruzelski and other national and regional leaders, Rakowski cautioned against "complacency" in "relations between authorities and the working class." "It is necessary to strengthen the position of the trade unions and to treat them seriously without even a shadow of commandeering," he said, apparently replying to critics who claim that some 4,000 new trade unions replacing Solidarity will be under tight official control.

Thompson, 25, won the Olympic gold medal in 1980 but was passed over in previous honors lists. This year he became the first man to simultaneously hold the Olympic, Commonwealth and European Decathlon titles and also set a new world record of 8,743 points. He was made a member of the British Empire.

David Puttnam, Oscar-winning director of the British film *Chariots of Fire* which received an academy award as the best picture of 1981, was made a commander of the British Empire.

The queen has already decorated 835 soldiers, airmen, seamen, civilians and backroom planners involved in Britain's 74-day war with Argentina over the Falkland Islands.

Russian-born Dr. Olga Uvarov, the first woman to become president of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, was named a dame of the British Empire, the female equivalent of a knighthood.

In campaign against corruption Soviets stiffen punishments

MOSCOW, Dec. 31 (R) — Tougher prison sentences and heavier fines for crimes ranging from car theft to spreading venereal disease were spelled out Friday in Moscow's weekly *Law gazette*.

Sentences for lesser offenses are doubled or trebled and maximum prison terms for small crimes extended from one to two years. But the amendments also introduced much harsher punishment for financial crimes, including a new maximum prison sentence of 10 years for large-scale black marketing.

The Soviet leadership, in an official notice two weeks ago, announced that tougher punishments were planned in a new drive against lawbreaking. The details published Friday showed that most of the amendments were aimed at stiffening retribution for corruption, black marketeering and embezzlement.

Soviet leader Yuri Andropov has launched a major campaign against corruption and petty crime since he came to power in November and the new laws appeared to be part of this.

The new laws greatly extend the power of the courts to confiscate the personal possessions of people convicted for crimes such as embezzlement or extortion. Though most of the changes were aimed at curbing various forms of corruption, the amendments also strengthened punitive measures

against ordinary offenses and "social crimes." Thus the punishment for stealing a car was doubled from one to two years' corrective labor.

People convicted of spreading venereal disease will have to pay a fine of \$280, double the old amount, or face up to three years' corrective labor. The new laws come into force Jan. 1. Apart from increasing punishment, the amendments gave the courts a wider range of punitive responses and could in some cases mean more lenient treatment for offenders.

Thus, the alternative of heavy fines or periods of corrective labor have been introduced for a number of offenses for which prison sentences were the only sanction in the past. Some offenses have also been "decriminalized," and the punishment for performing an illegal abortion, for example, has been reduced from a one-year prison term to a fine or a maximum of two years' corrective labor.

People sentenced to corrective labor still live at home but are told where to work and often given dirty or unpleasant tasks. In a reflection of the growing crime problem in Soviet society, the new statutes go into greater detail about robbery offenses and make confiscation of personal property an automatic part of any sentence for burglary of a private apartment.

America, Russia woo Caribbean

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Dec. 31 (AP) — The Caribbean region begins 1983 with the United States trying to strengthen its influence in its own backyard, the Soviet Union cultivating ties with the tiny spice island of Grenada, and British colonialism on its last legs.

The English-speaking islands, faced with depressed world prices for bauxite, sugar and other traditional exports, as well as reduced earnings from tourism, are pinning their hopes on U.S. President Ronald Reagan's Caribbean Basin initiative. The initiative is intended to help revive regional economies by eliminating trade barriers for some traditional exports and by providing tax incentives to U.S. companies which invest in the region.

The heads of state of countries belonging to the Caribbean community and Common Market will hold a summit meeting in

Trinidad-Tobago July 4 to commemorate the organization's 10th anniversary and to seek common solutions to regional economic woes. By then, Reagan's initiative may be far enough along to assess its full potential.

It falls short of expectations, it will be a blow to U.S. interests in the Caribbean and provide political capital to Cuba, Grenada and leftwing groups on other islands.

Grenada Prime Minister Maurice Bishop's People's Revolutionary Government broke the tradition of constitutional governmental succession in the English-speaking islands by coming to power by force in March 1979. Bishop has been anti-U.S. and pro-Cuba ever since. More significantly, his government represents a break with the legacy of parliamentary democracy left by British colonialism.

Times, workers reach accord

LONDON, Dec. 31 (R) — The *Times* of London, repeatedly threatened with extinction because of labor disputes and multimillion dollar losses, was saved again Friday in another 11th hour compromise.

Striking electricians at Britain's oldest national daily newspaper, essential reading for generations of British leaders, voted to accept a last-minute deal and end a two-week stoppage. The management of *The Times*, founded in 1785 and bought by Australian publisher Rupert Murdoch in 1981, had threatened to halt pay for all 2,400 staff if the paper did not appear Friday.

The compromise, involving 42 electricians who had demanded extra pay for working with new machinery, was reached in the early hours of the morning.

The deal involved extra overtime for the electricians, guarantees for four jobs threatened by the new machinery, and a management retreat from a planned pay freeze in 1983. It was too late to save Friday's edition but the company said *The Sunday Times*, a sister paper, would reappear this weekend and *The Times* would be back Monday.

Under the agreement, the electricians will handle the photo-composition machines and other equipment at the center of the dispute. The dispute began Dec. 20 but *The Times* lost editions on only eight days because of previously-scheduled breaks in publication over the Christmas holidays.

The stoppage was estimated to have cost the company \$3.2 million on top of a projected loss of \$20 million for 1982.

University official put on probation

HATTIESBURG, Mississippi, Dec. 31 (AP) — A University of Southern Mississippi official has been placed on federal probation for signing blank documents that were later sold to foreigners who wanted student visas.

Richard Dodder, director of the university's English Language Institute for 10 years, consented to the probation rather than face trial for felonious violation of immigration laws. The decision reportedly caused the justice department to drop its prosecution of four New England college officials accused of similar actions mid-way through their trial in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Both cases were the result of a push by the Immigration and Naturalization Service to keep better track of foreign students in this country after the Iranian hostage crisis in 1979. Dodder was responsible for signing eligibility forms for the English Language Institute, which offers an intensive eight-week course in English designed for businessmen and for students who will enroll in university classes.

The blank forms signed by Dodder were sent to Jose Campbell, a Venezuelan recruiter, who then sold the forms to would-be students. The students took them to an American embassy to get visas.

Weinberger opposes cut in defense outlay

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (AP) — U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger Thursday signaled the new and more heavily Democratic Congress that he intends to stick to his guns and oppose any major cuts in military spending.

"I do not believe that we can cut more from our defense programs without risk to our national security," Weinberger said in a statement reviewing his first two years as Pentagon chief. His statement came in the face of growing demands for defense cutbacks at a time when the country faces growing federal budget deficits and the economy still lags. Some of the pressures have come from budget planners within the Reagan administration as well as from Congress.

"In the past two years, we have already cut back some of our defense plans as our contribution to the government-wide effort to reduce deficits," Weinberger said. He claimed that "we are doing everything possible to insure that the defense dollar is spent wisely." Weinberger claimed in his formal statement that the administration had cut \$4.1 billion from the \$116 billion boost it originally proposed.

His statement was worded to suggest these cuts were at President Ronald Reagan's initiative. But at a news conference later, he acknowledged that Reagan "accepted rather

reluctantly" the additional billions in reductions imposed by Congress.

Weinberger's statements represented the second strong sign this week that the administration plans to push ahead with its five-year, \$1.6 trillion rearmament program regardless of opposition. On other matters, Weinberger said:

"We are now receiving reports" of tests of new generations of Soviet missiles, but he implied this development was expected in view of what he called "a continuous process" of Soviet "weapons modernization."

"I don't know whether any of these new missiles they are testing would violate SALT II," Weinberger said in reference to the unratified but mutually observed strategic arms-limitation agreement.

He does not know whether more U.S. troops will be required to serve in a peacekeeping role in Lebanon if and when there is an agreement for withdrawal of Israeli, Syrian and remaining Palestinian soldiers.

The Japanese government's decision to increase its military spending by 6.5 percent in 1983 "is a reasonably significant effort which we are glad to see." However, the defense secretary said "this budget will not enable them to reach" self-defense goals he said were set by the Japanese themselves.

Legalized murder

N. Ireland leader assails Britain

LONDON, Dec. 31 (Agencies) — John Hume, leader of Northern Ireland's biggest Catholic Party, Thursday night accused the security forces in the British-ruled province of "legalized murder."

Hume, head of the Social Democratic and Labor Party, said the police and the army were now authorized to shoot anyone suspicious. In the last two months, the security forces have shot dead five Republicans wanted on terrorism charges.

The Northern Ireland office said the police were under the same law as the rest of the community and there had been no change of policy toward suspects. Hume, in a television interview said: "I'm saying that if the security forces are authorized to shoot on suspicion, that amounts to an abandonment of the rule

of law and it amounts to a licence to kill — it amounts to legalized murder."

In effect, it amounts to a major encouragement to terrorist organizations and paramilitary organizations, because it means that security forces are now reducing themselves to the same level." He rejected the denial that there had been a change in policy, saying: "Nobody in Northern Ireland on any side of the community believes that."

Meanwhile in Belfast, a massive bomb — five kegs holding (250 kg) of explosives — was found in Northern Ireland near the border with the Irish Republic, police said.

The device, hidden under a road in county Fermanagh, was one of the biggest found in the British-ruled province this year.

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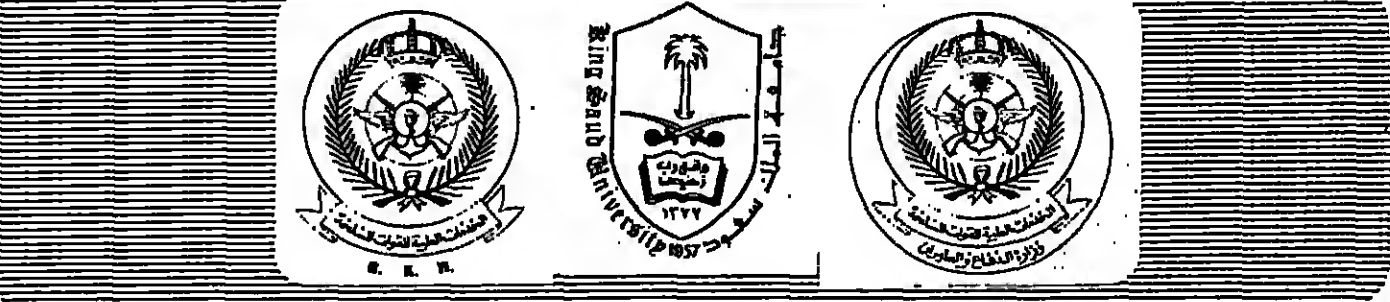
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